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## POSSIBLE CAUSE OF FIRE Oil Flow Into Ship's Furnace From Tube

### BURGLARY AT STANLEY

When he woke up on Friday morning, Commander W. H. L. Harrison, Superintendent of Stanley Prison, found he had no winter clothing.  
His entire winter wardrobe had been stolen during the night. The burglars also took away his watch, a cigarette case and other articles.  
The entire loss was valued at more than \$2,000.  
The police are investigating but up to last night no arrests had been made.

### Fraser Now First Sea Lord

London, Feb. 14.  
Admiral Lord Fraser has been appointed First Sea Lord (highest service member of the Admiralty) and Chief of Naval Staff, the Admiralty announced today.  
Admiral Fraser, former Commander of the Home Fleet, was promoted to the rank of Admiral in 1943.  
As Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, he signed the Japanese surrender document for Britain.  
He is 59 and succeeds Admiral Sir John Cunningham, one-time Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean, who has been promoted to Admiral of the Fleet, the highest naval rank.—Reuter.

### Train Jumps Rails

Two passengers were killed, and 10 injured, two seriously, last Sunday when a fully loaded train travelling from Lichew to Kungyung jumped the rails north of Canton, it was belatedly reported in Canton despatches yesterday.  
Several passenger and freight cars overturned, rolled down the embankment and were badly damaged.  
Emergency cars were sent out from Canton with doctors and nurses and the injured taken to Kungyung for medical treatment.

## Police Hunt For 'Man In The Mac'

London, Feb. 14.  
The entire Metropolitan Police Force of 14,000 uniformed and 2,000 plain-clothes police was alerted today on orders from Scotland Yard to avenge the first murder of a police constable in at least 30 years.

They sought the "Man in the Mac" who pumped three bullets at almost point-blank range into plain-clothes Police Constable Nathaniel Edgar, 33-year-old war veteran, in the murky darkness of a suburban street in North London last night and then fled into the night with his raincoat billowing behind him.  
Edgar fell mortally wounded and died an hour later without recovering consciousness. Night strollers, however, saw the killer and gave the police his description which was flashed throughout the Metropolitan Police district.

Flash: "Wanted for murder of police constable. Man aged

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## Chief Engineer's Evidence

The possibility that the fire that gutted the Hong Kong-Macao river steamer "Hsin Kong So" was caused by a burner tube burning away, thus causing oil to flow into the furnace, was advanced by two witnesses at the resumed Enquiry yesterday into the burning and beaching of the ship on Lantau Island.

Mr. John Henry Keiry, Chief Engineer of the ill-fated ship, resumed evidence yesterday before the Court presided over by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr assisted by Lt. F. E. Neville-Towl, DSC, RN and Mr. W. Bell.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan held a watch-brief for the Tai On Cheung S.S. Co., Ltd. Mr. W. Pittendrigh was for the police while Mr. T. E. Jackson, Assistant Director of Marine (Ship Survey) was for the Ship Survey Department.

In answer to questions from the president, Mr. Keiry said that the plates immediately above the stockhold were all buckled by the extensive heat. Two lengths of hose were played into the fire in the stockhold.

Two days before the fire broke out the No. 1 Fireman sent in his resignation, which he handed to the Captain.  
Before the old No. 1 Fireman left, the new one arrived and was introduced to him by the Secretary of the Union and stated that he had experience with oil burning engines.

"It is customary when a new No. 1 signs on that he usually brings along his assistants and this applies to the outgoing No. 1."

Asked if he could give any opinion as to the origin of the fire he said that the No. 1 Fireman would be the best man to answer that question as he was in the stockhold where the fire started.

### Burner Tube?

He had no reason to say so but that there was a possibility of one of the burner tubes being burnt away in which case there would be a flow of oil into the furnace.  
The last time he inspected the engine room was at 3.00 a.m. when he found everything in order.

It was quite correct that the new No. 1 Fireman with his assistants were on board before the old No. 1 fireman and his assistants left the boat.

Asked by Mr. Kwan why no

### MEW AIRLINE NEXT WEEK

Shanghai, Feb. 14.  
A weekly air service between Shanghai and Rangoon is scheduled to start early next week via Hong Kong, Kunming and Calcutta, the China National Aviation Corporation announced today.

The first plane for the Burma capital will carry the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Yu Wen-tu, to his new post.

China and Burma concluded a bilateral air agreement in 1939, which is valid until this spring.—Reuter.

gineer of the ship. He had been on the ship for only eight days but had to his credit 30 years experience in engineering and one year in oil burning ships.

Alleyway Blocked  
On the day in question he started his watch from 3.00 a.m. and was in the engine room all the time.

One stoker was in the stockhold and a little after 6.00 a.m. this stoker came to him and said that there was a fire in the stockhold. Together they ran to the stockhold and there saw flames coming from the smoke box. The flames were so intense that the alleyway leading to the pump was blocked.

The fuel pump was only a few feet from the fire but he could not get access to it because of the heat.

As he could not go any further he instructed his men to get the fire extinguishers and started playing them on the fire.

As soon as the fire was under control he left the engine room and went to the Captain who gave him instructions to keep the main engine going until the ship could be beached. The engine was stopped after beaching.

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### BAO DAI ON RIVIERA

Cannes, Feb. 14.  
Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, arrived with his family in this Riviera resort today for a week's holiday in his own villa before returning to Hong Kong—his home in exile.

Bao Dai has been in Europe for the last few weeks, during which he has had talks with M. Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indochina, on the possibility of a truce to end the two years of fighting there between Vietnam Nationalists and French troops.—Reuter.

## POLICE OFFICERS IN CRASH

Sub-Inspector R. Mudd and Sub-Inspector McCleod of the Police Force were injured shortly after midnight yesterday in a traffic accident.

Travelling on a motor-cycle, with Inspector McCleod on the pillion seat, Inspector Mudd was driving out of Murray Road to go up Garden Road when his machine collided with a taxi travelling east to west along Queen's Road.

Both police officers were flung to the ground. Inspector McCleod was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, but his companion was not detained.

Both were last night described as "comfortable".  
The front of the motor-cycle and the outside front of the taxi were damaged.

### Soldiers Injured

Fusilier Ayres (20), driver of Army truck No. 49026, and his companion, Fusilier Guinness (22), were admitted to Kowloon Hospital last night in a serious condition as a result of injuries received when their vehicle fell off the cliff at the 124 mile post on the Taiipo Road, near Shatin.

Ayres sustained fractures to the pelvis and thigh, while Guinness suffered from concussion.  
The vehicle was returning to Kowloon from Taiipo.

## Girl Sues Film Star

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.  
Fifty-eight-year-old film actor Wallace Beery was named defendant in a paternity suit today by a "bit" player, Gloria Whitney, who asserted that he is the father of her son born last Saturday.

Miss Whitney described Beery as "a prominent motion picture character of great wealth and affluence, possessed of money and properties in excess of \$1,000,000."

The actress also asks that Beery be ordered to pay medical and hospital expenses.

Miss Whitney's attorney said that she and Beery had been friends for several years.—Reuter.

## Der Fuehrer Breaks Out In Print

London, Feb. 14.  
Sir Oswald Mosley, former leader of the British Union of Fascists, today published the first number of the "Union"—weekly organ of his new Union Party launched on Feb. 7.

The "Union," which incorporates the pro-war British Union of Fascists' paper "Action," carried on its front page a large photograph of Sir Oswald, beneath which was the laconic caption: "The Leader."

The leading article in the periodical stated: "The Union movement comes to the fore at an hour of national and European destiny....the price we are prepared to pay for the Union of Europe is measured not in dollars, not in pounds sterling, but in the efforts and sacrifices of a dynamic ideology."

From today forward, we strive for power in Britain and in so doing we fight for the external soul of Europe."  
In another article examining the work of the Labour Govern-

## Freighter Gutted

A 600-ton cargo ship, s.s. "Kam Hol" was burnt out in Canton on Friday morning following a six-hour fire, reports from the Kwangtung capital said yesterday.  
One of the crew was burned to death. Two others were seriously injured. The ship arrived off Canton Bund two days previously but could not discharge the cargo it brought from Hainan Island.  
The entire cargo, valued at more than C\$1,000,000,000, was destroyed.

## Navy's Statement On Reduction Of Dockyard Workers

Unless a decision, one way or the other, is communicated by the Admiralty to the Commodore in Hong Kong no further statement can be made on the question of the adequacy of the amounts of awards which are still under consideration by the Admiralty, said a statement released by the Commodore's office yesterday.

The statement resulted from a meeting the previous day between representatives of the Naval Yard Chinese Workers Association and the Commodore Superintendent. It said:

The main points raised by the representatives of the Naval Yard Chinese Workers' Association concerned gratuities on discharge, hurt pay, gratuities and pensions in the case of injury or death, and the re-employment of discharged men when the time came for engaging additional workmen.

The Commodore explained that there were two questions involved, the first was the conditions under which awards were given, and the second the amount of such awards.

The conditions of awards were applicable to employees in Naval Dockyards in many places throughout the world and it was impossible to make special conditions for Hong Kong, but the amounts of such awards varied according to local conditions and consequently it might be possible to make alterations to these, if the Admiralty accepted that alterations were justified.

Bearing these facts in mind the Commodore stated that the representatives could not expect any modification to the existing conditions that alterations.

### Gratuities

(a) Gratuities would be paid to men discharged on account of age or permanent infirmity after 15 years and men discharged on reduction after 7 years, but not to men with less than 7 years service or who retired voluntarily at under 60 years of age.

(b) A man injured would receive free medical treatment from the Dockyard Medical Officer and hurt pay while injured until he was fit to return to work or was found to be permanently unfit. In the latter case an injury allowance would be paid.

(c) The dependents of a man killed on duty would receive a grant towards the funeral expenses and a small pension.

### GUN-FIGHT IN CANTON

Canton, Feb. 14.  
One policeman and one bandit were reported killed and one policeman wounded when Canton police and soldier fought with bandits at Shaho, in the northeastern outskirts of Canton.

One bandit was shot and one policeman wounded when police and the military shot it out with bandits this afternoon. Last night, in the first encounter with the gang, one policeman was killed.—Associated Press.

for those who were about to be discharged now.

### Figures

On other matters the Commodore stated that the reductions, as he had explained in the last meeting, were the inevitable result of the reduced size of the British Navy. There was no discussion at this meeting concerning the extent of the reductions, but in view of the rather exaggerated statement that have been given publicly it is desirable to issue the following information:

The maximum number employed in H.M. Dockyard (quoted as 9000) was in 1946, of which over 2,000 were casual labourers working on rehabilitation work.

For the last six months the numbers have been below 7,000, and are now approx. 6,500. It is on this figure of 6,500 that the cuts already published of 15% by the end of March and a further 20% by the end of June will be made.

The question of how best to arrange that discharged men were given preference of later re-employment was discussed and the Commodore undertook to examine ways and means of ensuring that discharged men with good credentials would receive fair consideration, and that these arrangements would be promulgated.

### Meetings

Finally and as a result of the expressed wish of the representatives that a further meeting should be held within the next three days, the Commodore pointed out that there had been no points raised on which he could expect to be able to give an answer for some considerable time, and consequently he now intended to revert to the existing and recognised procedure of meeting the representatives once a month, provided they had items to discuss.

## Hong Kong Girls' Trip To Manila Raises An Issue

The recent engagement of 22 Chinese taxi-dancers for employment in a Manila cabaret may become an international issue between the Chinese and Philippine Governments, the "Sunday Herald" learned yesterday.

The girls, whose enforced return to Hong Kong from Manila followed a wave of protests from Chinese bodies in the Philippines capital, left Hong Kong by air on February 2 without Chinese passports.

The Hong Kong Office of the Chinese Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi is now awaiting a detailed report from the girls for dispatch to Nanking for action.

The Commissioner's office declared yesterday that the taking of the girls abroad without Chinese passports was a breach of Chinese law and at the same time hinted that note has been taken of the connivance of the Manila authorities in the illegal procedure. Since the girls had no passports they should have been automatically sent back, it was contended.

Eight of the girls made a verbal report to the Commissioner on Friday. They were advised to make a written report so that the necessary action may be taken.

### "Deception"

The version they gave the press yesterday was a story of "deception" and "intrigues" by a man named To who, allegedly, was responsible for engaging and taking them to Manila.

The girls' representative, Miss Wang Yang, said that they were definitely "deceived" into going to Manila. On arrival there they were housed in "Yanks Hotel", a wooden structure outside the city.

There, their movements were restricted and they had to obtain permission from To to go to town. If they wanted to buy anything they had to do so indirectly through servants. They also alleged that their letters were censored.

Miss Wang said they became suspicious when To started to train them in "hula-hula" dancing. When they would be starting to work in the cabaret, To told them that the cabaret for which they had been engaged had not yet obtained the necessary licence.

### Contract

She alleged that To proposed that they work for another cabaret but that if they do so they would have to undergo medical examination twice monthly. The girls refused.

Coupled with the wave of protests from Chinese organisations and their own indignation, the girls demanded to be returned to Hong Kong. Nine, however, stayed behind.

Miss Wang disclosed the girls had signed a six-month contract with To. The terms were favourable and included two-way air passages, a "bonus" for drinks

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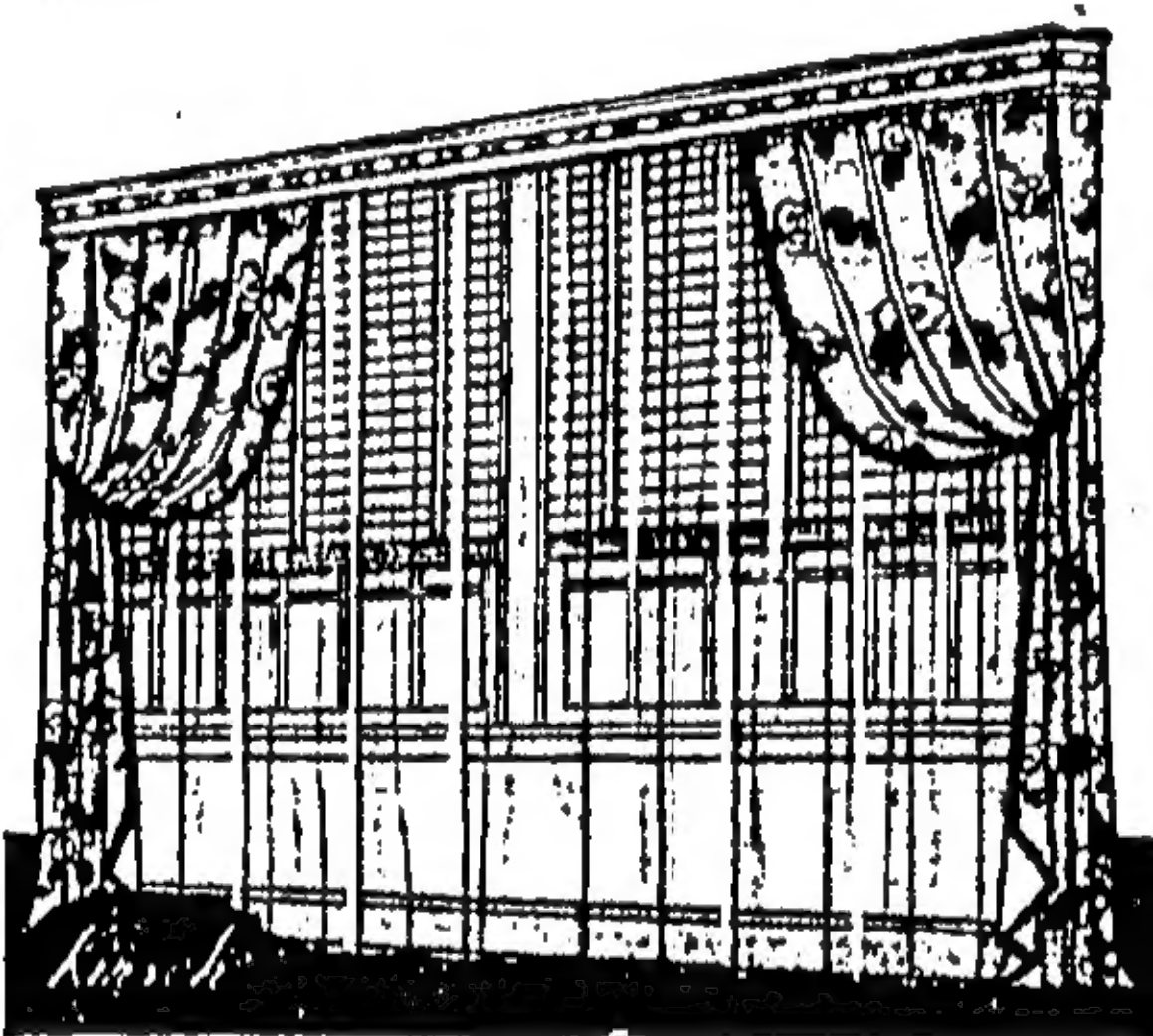
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# KWONG TUNG FIRE FINDINGS

## Criticism Of Baggage Arrangements

### Mineral Acids In Luggage?

"We deprecate the long-established custom of passengers being allowed to spread their baggage over the deck, but we realise the impracticability of suggesting they be separated from what, in many cases, may constitute their entire possessions by insisting that their baggage be placed in a separate compartment," reads the finding of the Marine Court of Inquiry into the s.s. "Kwong Tung" tragedy of Jan. 31 last.

The Court, comprising the Director of Marine, Mr. James Jolly (President), and two members, Messrs. J. B. P. Stirling and William Lumsden, found that although there was insufficient evidence to show what actually started the fire on board the "Kwong Tung," it "cannot set aside the possibility of mineral acids also being contained in passengers' baggage, and where potassium chlorate is concerned, the presence of such acids would be sufficient to start a fire."

Before the Court delivered its finding yesterday, Sub-Inspector L. Haynes of the Water Police testified that since the opening of the inquiry, 39 more bodies had been picked up in the vicinity of the Yuen On Wharf when the "Kwong Tung" was berthed on that ill-fated night. This brought the total casualty figure to 70.

The finding of the Court was as follows:—

"We find that the River Steamer 'Kwong Tung,' official Number 118,032 and of 1218.44 gross tons, registered at Hong Kong under the ownership of the Yuen On Steamship Company, Limited, of 8, Queen's Road, West, Hong Kong, arrived in the Port of Victoria from Canton at about 8.0 a.m. on Saturday Jan. 31, 1948, and berthed alongside the east side of the pier known as the Yuen On Wharf, where she lay port side to.

"The 'Kwong Tung' was due to sail for Canton at 9 p.m. having cleared outwards with a Nil manifest, and there is no doubt in our minds that she was satisfactorily equipped and manned for the forthcoming voyage and that Charles Trott was the Master of the vessel.

"We accept the evidence that passengers began to embark after 5 p.m. and we have no reason to doubt that the estimated number on board at the time of the casualty was between four and five hundred persons. Although only four hundred and two passage tickets had been sold, it is quite possible that friends had accompanied intending passengers on board. In this connection we have evidence which clearly shows that passage tickets may be obtained subsequent to the vessel's departure, and under these circumstances it is very obvious that the total number of passengers on board at the time of sailing could not possibly be known with any accuracy and neither could the Port Clearance be accepted as being in any way a true statement of the vessel's contents.

"The last survey of the 'Kwong Tung' was completed on July 21, 1947, and she was issued with the appropriate certificate fully covering the nature of her voyages and providing for the carriage of 700 passengers and a crew of 64.

"From evidence adduced before the Court we are of the opinion that a fire broke out at approximately 7 p.m. and was confined to a very small area on the main deck immediately adjacent to the port side of the starboard stairway leading from the main deck to the upper deck.

### Result Of Panic

"The prompt and efficient use of well-placed chemical extinguishers by the three fruit stall attendants Tsang Hin Cheung, Chu Chung Ling and Mok Kau brought the fire under complete control before the arrival of the Fire Brigade at 7.17 p.m. in answer to a call received at 7.15 p.m., but we note with very deep regret that the latest figures available show that 70 persons lost their lives by drowning. We are fully satisfied that the heavy loss of life was a direct result of panic and the ensuing stampede, which resulted in a large number of persons either falling or being pressed overboard.

"There is no doubt that the fire-fighting equipment was in first class order, and we have noted with appreciation the commendable action of the crew who rapidly brought hopes to bear on the seat of the fire. It is clearly apparent to us that the united efforts of all concerned in the extinguishing of the fire undoubtedly prevented a more serious loss of life, and probably the ultimate destruction of the vessel as opposed to damage estimated to be inside twenty dollars.

"The means of egress from the vessel as she lay at the wharf were sufficient to meet all reasonable contingencies, and the only criticism we have to offer in offer in this respect is the fact that a very inadequate gangplank was in use at the port forward cargo port. A gangway was in position from the port after cargo port and also one from the upper deck amidships. We also note that the port stairway, the forward stairway and the after stairway were readily accessible at all times, and if greater use had been made of them we feel that fewer lives would have been lost for due to the state of the tide (L. W. 5.44 p.m.) it would have been comparatively easy to have escaped to the wharf from the upper deck.

"We fully recognize the fact that no arrangement of gangways can possibly cope with circumstances where passengers endeavour to carry their heavy baggage on shore and in some cases endeavour to return on board to collect it.

"There is insufficient evidence to show what actually started the fire, but the undoubted presence of large quantities of potassium chlorate in 'personal baggage' must be accepted as the primary cause. We admit the evidence of the Government Chemist that this substance is dangerous in itself and also when in contact with other substances, and in such circumstances would probably inflame organic matter while the potassium chlorate itself would decompose forming a white smoke which was referred to by a large majority of the witnesses. We cannot set aside the possibility of mineral acids also being contained in passengers' baggage, and where potassium chlorate is concerned the presence of such acids would be sufficient to start a fire.

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## Readers' Letters

### No Salesmen?

Sir—I travel the world to sell Britain's goods. Last year I went to Egypt, Cyprus, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Siam, Hong Kong and Shanghai. ... The lack of liaison between manufacturer and seller is appalling. ... I did not find a real salesman from Alexandria to Shanghai.

P. W. J. PLANNER.

### Traffic Cases

Sir—In view of the strange major accident case in our courts, I think it is the duty of our Public Relations Officer to come forth to tell the public that the occurrence of this somewhat peculiar case is due to the uncertainty of British law which so rarely crops up to the embarrassment of those who talk of the excellence of British justice and the one who always ended his babbling with "Let Justice Be Done Though The Heavens Fall".

JUST UNJUST.

### The Weihaiwei Regiment

Sir—In an article in the "Sunday Herald" on Feb. 1 by H.G.W. Woodhead, C.B.E., mention was made of the late Chinese Regiment.

I believe I am the only British N.C.O. now in China who belonged to that Regiment. I was in No. 6 Company from 1899 to 1902 after which I joined the police at Weihaiwei.

The men of the Regiment were all that Mr. Woodhead's article said about them. No praise could be too high. I would like to thank Mr. Woodhead for his splendid article.

A. WHITTAKER, M.B.E.

### SCHOOL FEES

The "Gazette" contains a schedule of monthly school fees, covering all types of schools in the Colony, as agreed by the Director of Education.

## Yesterday's Wedding



A charming wedding took place at the English Methodist Church, Happy Valley yesterday afternoon when Miss Hazel Merritt Royall became the bride of Mr. Millard K. Nasholds.

The bride, who entered on the arm of Mr. W. G. Brown, wore a long gown of ice blue crepe de chine with a train and a mantilla of pale blue lace. Her bouquet was made up from deep purple sweet peas.

Mrs. W. G. Brown, who acted as the Matron of Honour, wore a gown of pearl grey crepe de chine with aquila trimming. Her head dress was of multi-coloured sweet peas.

The duties of bestman were discharged by Mr. Sydney H. de Kantzow.

After the cutting of the three-tiered cake the newly weds left for their honeymoon at Macao.

## Admission Of New Solicitor

Mr. Fenwick Deane Hammond was yesterday admitted by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), to practise as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.

As the requisite four months' notice had not been given in accordance with the provisions of Section 22 of the Legal Practitioner's Ordinance, Mr. Hammond's admission was granted upon condition that he did not appear in the Supreme Court until March 17, 1948, such condition not applying in the case of applications in Chambers.

Moving the application for Mr. Hammond's admission, Mr. J. R. Griffen, Attorney General, said that it had not been possible for Mr. Hammond to comply with Section 22 of the Legal Practitioner's Ordinance, which required four months' notice to be given. The application included a request that the Court should not insist upon compliance with the said Section in this case.

It was felt that good and sufficient grounds had been shown in an affidavit filed by Mr. F. G. Nigel, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, which Mr. Hammond was joining.

Mr. Hammond was admitted to practise as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England on Dec. 1, 1934, and had practised in England since that date, except for the war, during which he served with H.M. Forces for a period of five years overseas.

Mr. Griffen said that he was glad to have the opportunity and privilege to appear on the application and to extend to Mr. Hammond a warm welcome to the Colony, while expressing the hope that his stay in the Colony would be accompanied by every happiness, prosperity and success.

Mr. Justice Williams said that there were certain grounds set forth in the affidavit of Mr. Nigel explaining why the requisite notice had not been given in this case.

Mr. Justice Williams, on the last application, had explained that he would not be prepared to waive the requirements of Section 22 of the Legal Practitioner's Ordinance, except in special circumstances. In this case, Mr. Hammond was the first solicitor to join the firm of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master since the war, the Court considered that it might waive the formality.

In conclusion, Mr. Justice Williams joined with the Mr. Griffen in wishing Mr. Hammond every success and happiness during his stay in the Colony.

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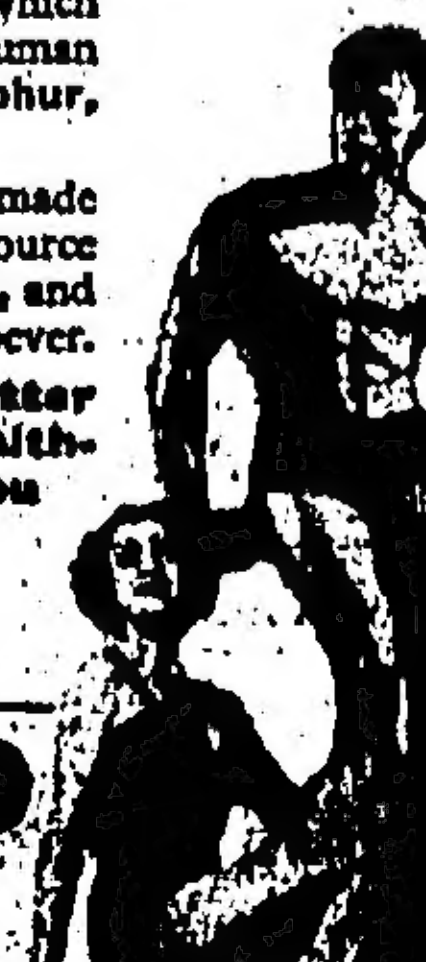
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# NINE MONTHS FOR PERJURY

## Chinese Who Was Commended By Governor

### Sequel To Affair In G.P.O.

Chung Tak-kwong, B.E.M., once highly commended by Sir Cecil Harcourt and Sir Mark Young for services to the British Government, was convicted on a charge of perjury and sentenced by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday to nine months hard labour.

Mr. J. M. Hall, appearing for the defendant, who was principal witness in the case of Rex versus Lam Lip, gave notice of appeal. Bail of \$5,000 was granted, pending hearing of the appeal.

Inspector H. N. Moran, assisted by Det. Inspector J. Wadsworth, presented the case. Chung, an employee of Mr. F. W. Shattam, Senior Superintendent, Special Branch, in evidence for the prosecution against Lam Lip, said that he was the principal witness in the case of Rex versus Lam Lip, and that when he testified in court, he was told by the G.P.O. that he was to be charged with perjury.

At the hearing, Mr. d'Almada said that he was not satisfied with the evidence given by Chung. He said that Chung had been given every opportunity to give evidence in his own defence, but that he had refused to do so. He said that Chung had been given every opportunity to give evidence in his own defence, but that he had refused to do so.

The statement which formed the subject of the proceedings must be made wilfully, that is deliberately and intentionally and not through inadvertence or mistake or because the person making it is taken by surprise.

After setting out the main points of the evidence of Chung, Mr. d'Almada said: "The charge against Lam Lip was one of attempted larceny from a person. We all know that a person who attempts to commit a crime is liable for it."

It was alleged that Lam attempted to pick the pocket of Chung Tak-kwong. Upon cross-examination by Lam, Chung denied having struck him or even attempted to strike him.

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## Stolen Goods List

The following is a list of property stolen:

One stainless steel wrist watch, model dish, white face, Roman figures, with second hand, badly scratched on the back, attached to a white metal expanding strap.

One white metal oblong shaped wrist watch, English figures, attached to a brown leather strap.

One "Orlik" pipe, straight stem, medium bowl, black coloured.

One 2-oz. tin of "Barney's" Full strength tobacco.

One pair horn rimmed spectacles.

Two \$10 and six \$1 Hong Kong Shanghai Bank Notes and \$1 small change.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to extend the appointment of the following as members of the Board of Education to the 31st December, 1948—The Director of Education (Chairman), Senior Inspector of Schools, Inspector of Vocational Schools, Woman Inspector of Schools, Health Officer for Schools, Principal, Northwest Training College, (ex officio); Mr. Abbas el Azzam, Rev. Mother Angelica, Miss Edna Sabina Atkins, Dr. the Hon. Chao Sik-ai, M.B., B.S., Rev. Fr. Richard Whitley Gallagher, S.J., Hon. Lo Man-kam, C.B.E., Rev. George Yuk-ki She, M.A., Professor Robert Kennedy Muir Simpson, M.C., M.A. (representing The University of Hong Kong), Miss Suet-ling Foon, Miss Catherine Woo, D.P.E., Mrs. Margaret Robertson, Senior Inspector of Schools (Secretary) ex officio.

## JOBS GOING

Vacancies exist in the Inland Revenue Department for Assistant Assessors and Taxation Officers on a basic salary scale of \$400 per month, rising to \$800 per month, and \$250 per month, rising to \$500 per month, respectively, plus high cost of living allowance on Government scale with prospects of permanency and further promotion.

Applicants must be in possession of Hong Kong School Leaving Certificate or its equivalent and must be familiar with Chinese and English accountancy, and to be in possession of a diploma. Preference will be given to candidates below 35 years of age.

as that of a witness out of court.

Mrs. Groves' evidence was accepted by me in full, as she was an independent witness having no interest in the case and knowing neither of the parties and her action must be landed for her public-spiritedness in so coming forward.

"Upon the facts before me and as demonstrated the manner in which the defendant was justified. It is possible that the defendant did at that time believe an attempt had been made to pick his pocket."

The wedding of Mr. I. C. Mackenzie, of H.B.M. Embassy, Shanghai, and Miss Anne Helena Taylor, of 157 The Peak, took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday in the presence of Messrs. L. R. Andrewes and C. B. Heathcote Smith.

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## Personalia

Passengers leaving for the United Kingdom by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat yesterday were Mr. A. D. Bennett, Mrs. J. B. Bennett, Major Sir A. David, Messrs N. Dawson, A. E. Nobblins, Morgan Yin and G. G. Green. Others aboard the same aircraft were M.J.C. Tyrwhitt and M. P. Sandback (for Cairo); Mrs. M. Jarvis and E. A. Kessler (for Calcutta); G. A. Glossop, A. A. Arnlitche, Rancir, Singh Sachdev, Brig. H. E. Barker, Col. H. N. Obbard, Lt/Col E. G. Bailey and J. J. Elizen (for Bangkok).

Passengers who left by BOAC flying-boat for Singapore yesterday were Miss M. G. Clark, Lee Shut-lung, Mrs. K. R. Melwan, Master L. Melwan, W. H. Billington, Mok Man-pun, P. J. Seng, P. J. Seng, T. Parkington, J. Triguboff, O. Triguboff, Major Lwo Chao, Comm. Chan Chul, Major Dai Chu-hen and Major Pao Kuofu.

Arrivals at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday included Dr. and Mrs. S.G. Davis. Departures included Mr. and Mrs. H.T.P. Nash.

Arrivals at the Gloucester yesterday included J. Koval. Departures included A. David, Miss N. M. Tankard, Mrs. Tullach, A.A. Simpson and V.M. Pennell.

Mr. Anyang Kui, Mayor of Canton, arrived in Hong Kong from Canton yesterday on route to Nanking to take part in a Mayors' Conference there.

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (The H.), 50, Macdonnell Road, this evening at 8.30. The programme of works by Mozart will include the following:—Overture "The Magic Flute"; Concerto in A major (for violin and orchestra) Symphony in C major—The Jupiter and excerpts from some of Mozart's operas.

Passengers yesterday for Bangkok by Pan American Clipper included Hari S. Dasgupta, R.G. Haseltine, George M. Ipekian, C.L. Lastro, Li Tsu-ku, Mrs. Li Mao Mei Yee, Air. Simpson, Mr. Roger E. Yarin, Jagat N. Bhatia, Chhitabhai Mahankar, Mrs. Mahankar.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals Friday included P. Abesser, Lieut. Col. E. G. Bailey, M.L. Shor, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. B. Covington, Jr., L.J.T. Sekyowicz, Brig. H. F. Barker, Brig. H. N. Orbard.

Peninsula Hotel departures Friday included J. Triguboff, H. Miss Anna Khoo, H.E. Castens.

Departures by the Air France plane yesterday for Saigon included M.L. Rubin, Lieut. Cmdr. G.A. Godhart, E.C. Anderson, P. Abesser, H.C. Maux and P. Lerouvel.

Passengers arriving in the Air France plane Friday included M. and Mme. Rondon, John Koval, and Mme. Turk.

Lieut. Commander J. B. P. Stirling, R.N., H.M.S. Tamar was married to Mary Kathleen Poole, Gloucester Hotel, at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday in the presence of Cmdr. (E) E. H. Allen and Mrs. E. F. M. Allen.

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# Communists Hold Four U.S. Marines As Hostages

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

The Chinese Communists today sent an ultimatum to the United States Naval Headquarters of the West Pacific, saying that four U.S. Marines who have been taken prisoners since Christmas will be held as hostages, pending a United States guarantee that there will be "no recurrences of such action" which the Reds said resulted in the capture of the Marines—active fighting alongside the Nationalists.

The Red Radio, in the first confirmation of the capture of the Marines, (who, according to the U.S. Navy, were on a hunting expedition when they disappeared on Christmas Day) said that a fifth Marine, Pfc. Blayton, died in a Communist field hospital of wounds received in the fight in which he was taken prisoner.

The Red Radio said: "The military headquarters of the People's Liberation Army in East Shantung has lodged a strong protest with the American Navy in China, demanding that it apologize and guarantee that there will be no recurrence of such actions, otherwise the American troops and the United States government will bear full responsibility for the consequences resulting from such actions."

## KWONG TUNG FIRE FINDINGS

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"We are aware that under the provisions of Section 15 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance of Hong Kong, Number 10 of 1899, and again under Section 446 of the United Kingdom Merchant Shipping Act of 1894, it is an offence for any person to carry, or attempt to carry, in any vessel any dangerous goods without so notifying the Master of the vessel. At the same time, and considering this particular trade, we are of the firm opinion that a fuller and more careful examination of passengers' baggage should be enforced by the authorities concerned with the routine searches for arms and the control of prohibited exports and unmanifested cargo. We are fully aware of the difficulties connected with such closer supervision, for many dangerous goods are not readily recognizable as such."

## Recommendations

"We made the following recommendations:—(a) That passage tickets be sold only at the Company's Offices or by their accredited Agents, and that the practice of issuing such tickets either on the wharf or onboard the vessel should be discontinued without delay."

(b) That when passengers are on board and the vessel alongside a wharf, all cargo doors on the wharf side should be fully open and provided with raised gangways covering either the full width of the cargo port or where ramps are used then the full width of the ramp. Such doors on the off side should be also open, or partly open, according to the weather prevailing at the time."

(c) That notices in English and Chinese be prominently posted warning all passengers of the dangers and consequences of carrying goods on board which are likely to effect the safety of the life and the vessel."

(d) That the various searching units be instructed to keep a sharp watch on the nature of both passengers' baggage and cargo, and if in doubt report the matter to the Master of the vessel and also, to their respective superiors. Furthermore, that where baggage is concerned the search should be carried out at the entrance to the wharf and before passengers are admitted to the wharf."

In the detection of dangerous goods, the Authorities are entitled to the fullest co-operation of the Master and Crew who should also maintain a constant and close watch for any goods of a suspicious nature."

(e) That clear passageways at least 3 ft. wide be at all times maintained fore and aft on both sides of the passenger deck, and that all approaches to stairways and gangways be kept clear. We deprecate the long established custom of passengers being allowed to spread their baggage over the deck, but we realise the impracticability of suggesting they be separated from what, in many cases, may constitute their entire possessions by insisting that their baggage be placed in a separate compartment."

"In conclusion we wish to place on record our high appreciation of the excellent work done by Inspector Arthur George Groves of the Hong Kong Police and his unit, ably assisted by Revenue Officer Sui Hui Yit and his men, for their early efforts to control the stampede and their ready assistance to those already in the water. The action taken by the officers and men of the Water Police, and the use of searchlights by the Fire Flotilla, are also to be commended."

The first clue to their disappearance was found when a Nationalist troop patrol found an abandoned and burned Jeep. U.S. sources said today that the spot given in the Red broadcast as the scene of capture checked with earlier information.

This morning's Red broadcast was entirely devoted to the Marine capture and what it claimed to be other earlier United States involvement in the Chinese civil war.

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# Skepticism Over Chang Chun's Promise

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

American businessmen looked with skepticism to-  
day upon Premier Chang Chun's promise of  
"special privileges" for foreign investors in  
China.

In almost the same breath the Premier disclosed  
that imports into China during the next six  
months would be reduced still more. Officials  
said the reduction would amount to 30 per  
cent.

"What kind of invitation is  
that?" asked an exasperated  
American importer whose busi-  
ness had been throttled by  
Government restrictions.  
"That invitation was aimed  
right at Washington," another  
declared.

## POSSIBLE CAUSE OF FIRE

(Continued from Page 1)  
When the Captain gave him  
the instructions smoke was  
issuing from the forward hold.  
It was just after 9.00 a.m.  
The smoke was black at first  
and then gradually turned  
white.

## No Explosion

The steam pressure had  
diminished and he could only  
play the fire hose into the hold  
for about 20 minutes.  
He had no idea as to how the  
fire started but he attributed it  
to a possible fracture in the  
burner pipe.

Answering a question from  
Mr. Kwan he said that the  
water in the stokehold was  
ankle deep and was too hot to  
allow entry so he could only  
peep into the stokehold.

Question by Mr. Jackson he  
said he did not hear any ex-  
plosion but first saw the fire in  
the stokehold.  
He also agreed with Mr.  
Jackson that the smoke-box  
door could not be opened unless  
an explosion occurred.

John Louis Marden said that  
he was the Assistant Secretary  
of Messrs. Wheelock, Marden  
and Co., Ltd., with offices in the  
King's Building and related  
the position why they are still  
regarded as the owners of the  
ill-fated ship.

They first decided to sell the  
ship to the Union Steamship  
Company last August and on or  
about Nov. 1 they agreed to sell  
it for £43,000, less a discount  
of two and a half per cent.  
Payment was to be made by  
instalments, with the first pay-  
ment of £8,000 and the balance  
in three instalments of a similar  
amount and the last payment of  
£7,525.

## Insurance

The Tai On Cheung Steam-  
ship Company then came on the  
scene and on the same conditions  
were prepared to take over the  
vessel from the Union Steam-  
ship Company.

The agreement was finally  
signed between the three parties  
Wheelock, Marden and Co., Ltd.,  
Union Steamship Company and  
the Tai On Cheung Steamship  
Company on Jan. 7 this year.  
Permission for the transfer  
was granted by the Ministry of  
Transport on Jan. 23 and it was  
purely on these accounts that  
his firm was still considered as  
the owners.

The vessel was insured with  
The Dominion Insurance Com-  
pany Limited of London for  
£50,000.

The next witness, Leung Ping  
58, Boatwain of the ship at  
the time of the fire, said that  
the ship carried 16 fire ex-  
tinguishers and six lengths of  
hose and also had one smoke-  
helmet.

He could advance no reason  
for the outbreak of the fire and  
mentioned that he was busily  
engaged in the lowering of life  
boats.

The last witness at yesterday's  
hearing was Cheung Hung,  
stoker, who said that at 1.00  
a.m. on the day in question he  
took over watch in the stoke-  
hold. His duty would have en-  
ded when the boat arrived in  
Hong Kong.

## Excited

At 6.10 a.m. fire suddenly  
broke out on the top of the  
No. 1 boiler and flames were  
shooting out in all direc-  
tions.  
He then ran into the engine  
room and informed Tsai Lam.  
Also present in the engine room  
were the Second Engineer and  
a fitter.

He was so excited that he did  
not notice what caused the fire  
or where the fire started ex-  
cepting that it started from on  
top of the No. 1 Boiler.

He could not give any reason  
for what could have started the  
fire.

He heard no explosion and  
including this trip he had done  
altogether five trips on the  
boat.

At this stage further hearing  
was adjourned to 9.30 a.m. to-  
morrow.

## WOOD MURDER REWARD OFFER

"A reward will be paid by  
the Commissioner of Police,  
Hong Kong, to any person  
or persons giving information  
leading to the arrest of the  
persons who attacked and  
robbed two European males  
on a path leading from  
Kowloon Pass to the catch-  
water in Sha Tin District,  
New Territory North, at  
about 4.15 p.m. on the 11th  
February, 1948. One of the  
Europeans was subsequent-  
ly found dead near the  
place where they were at-  
tacked," stated a public  
notice yesterday.

Information may be  
given to any police officer  
or at any police office or  
station.

The reward is valid for  
six months from February  
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10.30 a.m.—Relay of the Celebration of  
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1.30 p.m.—"The Big Parade"—St.  
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Michael's Singers and the Halls Or-  
chestra.

11.45 a.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:  
"Think On These Things".

12.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:  
British Chamber Music.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.52 p.m.—A Light Concert with Webster  
Book (Piano).

1.00 p.m.—A Programme of Favourite  
Songs.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and  
Announcements.

1.22 p.m.—Music by Schubert.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—London Relay Weekly News-  
Letter.

6.15 p.m.—Fungus and Humors.

6.30 p.m.—Cole Porter Memories.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and  
Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: A Talk—"The British  
Council in China" by C. P. Fis-  
gerald.

7.30 p.m.—Studio: Vocal Recital by  
Celia Hodeman (Soprano) with  
Piano accompaniment by Betty  
Drown.

7.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:  
"Orley Farm" by A. Trollope.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay: "ITMA" with  
Tommy Handley.

8.45 p.m.—Celia Bole.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.15 p.m.—2HW "Promo" No. 7 (of the  
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Arthur Bliss: Concerto for Piano  
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10.30 p.m.—Studio: "The Cinema"—A  
Talk by Catherine Scott-Moncrieff.

10.45 p.m.—Studio: Sunday Evening  
Epilogue: Conducted by the Rev.  
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11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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# ABOUT THIS AND THAT

By ARTHUR GEE

## Preface

Variety is the lubricating oil that keeps the springs of life working smoothly and, with all its faults, no one can say that this column does not try to keep things well oiled. Sometimes, of course, the oil is of too thick a grade and things get kinda gummed up; last week, for instance, the column didn't even appear at all—there's a variety for you! I try to vary the diet so that readers never know whether they are going to read another "crack at the Government" or ZBW, a research-full account of traditions, customs and festivals, or something about a pianola, a full-rigged ship or the inordinate profits of local companies—frankly, until the last moment, I often don't know what it'll all be about, either.

This week, for some odd reason, this page seems destined to be filled largely with odd rhymes and bits of verse. Some of these have been cluttering up a corner of an untidy desk, awaiting an opportunity to make their Hong Kong debut. The others just seemed to arrive in a bunch. One of them happened to evolve as the result of trying to read through for review purposes—a book of poems.

## RASH OF RHYME

I broke out into a rash of rhyme after being somewhat unnerved by a surfeit of clichés, shallow, muddy thinking and, above all, a plethora of exclamation marks. Believe it or not, but of the 141 sentences that make up the first 14 pages of this Slim Vol. of 92 pages, 39 of them end with a full stop. ("Period" to my American readers), 18 with a question mark, and the remaining 84 with exclamation marks fullstopexclamationmark.

A word or two about the book itself. Priced at 5/-, and published by George Allen & Unwin Limited in the violet purple cover I've seen since I left off wearing the Old School Blazer, this Modest Tome—as I'm sure the author calls it when chatting to his friends—is by one E. S. Hole. The title, by Douglas Reed out of Thackeray, is "Sanity Rare"—an appropriate epithet if applied to the contents. It is all in rhymed quatrains because, so the publisher's "blurb" on the dust-cover explains, "the author believes that the clear-cut, cogent and, sometimes, caustic couplet is the connecting link between real poetry and real life. As he says:—

"The sermon oft will leave unscented the sham  
"That withers at a single epigram."

## IN THE ARMY

As to who Mr. Hole is, I can again do no better than to quote from what the dust-cover has to say about him. "The author (it says) completed his schooling and began his education at the age of eleven. At 21 he decided to make the Army his University. He entered it as a factory hand and left it as a foreign correspondent."

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"Half of a cubic mile holds all mankind!"

You see the sort of thing I was up against. A bit more of this and we'd have been able to have a real North of England meal. Well, if they can waste paper at home in "literature" of this sort, I guess I might be pardoned for giving a few inches on this page to my own thoughts on the matter.

## VERSE

O Pioneer of the Plastic Printing Plate,  
What made you leave that inky, type-filled state,  
To use with words from distant, dated times  
Crude couplets, shallow thoughts and cruder rhymes?

From all your rhymes, I'd quote this as The Gem  
(The mouths of fools themselves "so oft" condemn)  
"The greatest harm to poetry is wrought  
"By making form a substitute for thought."

## CHORUS

For want of paper, the classics are stunted,  
Yet tripe like this gets readily printed.

## ENVOY

Five bob is much too much a waste, I fear,  
I'd rather go and spend it all on beer!

## Litany

This next one is an old gag, if perhaps even earlier vintage than those "Japanese Traffic Regulations" couched in quaint

English, which bob up now and then as "the real thing, I saw it myself." These alleged regulations were hastily written in the editorial office of the "Motor Magazine" during World War One, to fill a gap caused by a censor's bright-blue pencil.

The "Litany of Officialdom," otherwise entitled "A short form of Daily Service for use in Government Departments," recently cropped up again in a recent issue of the "Malay Mail." In view of the fact that we now have so many Temporary Servants, it might bear repeating.

## PRAYER

"O Lord, grant that this day we come to no decisions, nor run into any kind of responsibility, but that all our dealings may be ordered to establish new and quite unwarranted Departments, for ever and for ever."

## HYMN

"Then, who seest all things below,  
"Grant that thy Servants may go slow.  
"That they may study to comply  
"With regulations till they die.  
"Teach us, Lord, to reverence  
"Committees more than common sense.  
"Impress our minds to make no plan,  
"But pass the baby when we can."

"And when the Tempter seems to give  
"Us feelings of initiative,  
"Or when alone we go too far,  
"Chastise us with a circular.  
"Mid war and tumult, fire and storms,  
"Strengthen us, we pray, with forms.  
"Thus will thy Servants ever be  
"A flock of perfect sheep for thee."

## Children's Corner

"Auntie Yee" (Whom God Pickle) of Sydney passed on the following Scrap of verse which was contributed to the recent Children's Nursery Rhyme competition by a Father and was, of course, not eligible for a prize:—

"Little Miss Muffet sat at the buffet  
"Knocking back horses' necks;  
"With several inside her,  
"The boy friend beside her  
"Sat gloomily paying the checks."

## Nash

Are you a lover of Ogden Nash's poems? Or are you ignorant? I found the other day that there are actually people in this Colony who had never even heard of him, let alone read his greatest poem, the 2-line ode about "The Baby," which reads:

"A bit of talcum  
"S Always walcum."

There have been many who have tried, with varying success, to imitate his rhythmic lines, which seldom scan yet always flow. I've tried a hand at it myself once or twice and since I need something to round this column off this week, will proceed to give space to All My Own Work.

## SOLILOQUY

A doctor says that if you can matter  
"Sister Susie sat silently in the scup" without a stutter  
You are sober. That may be true,  
But I can't help wondering about Sister Sue.

## QUERY

A Finlander in a violent hurry  
Who runs pedestrians down is no doubt given to sorrow and worry.  
But does he later boast, with leer and smile,  
Of having done so many Lapps to the mile?

## A THOUGHT

The room boy  
Came into my hotel-room Tuesday and said "Kung Hay Fat Choy."

It probably will be a year on those lines for him and his. As well as most of the banks, cafes, hotels, taxicab owners, ferries, and major importing companies,  
Not to mention all the others who will count their profits in millions of dollars,  
But not for the likes of me and the other white-collars,  
Who would need the wisdom of a whole Army of Sages  
Before we could work out a way of keeping a happy balance between expenditure and wages.

Life becomes an ever-increasing round of futility—  
Can anyone tell me how I could incorporate myself as a public utility?

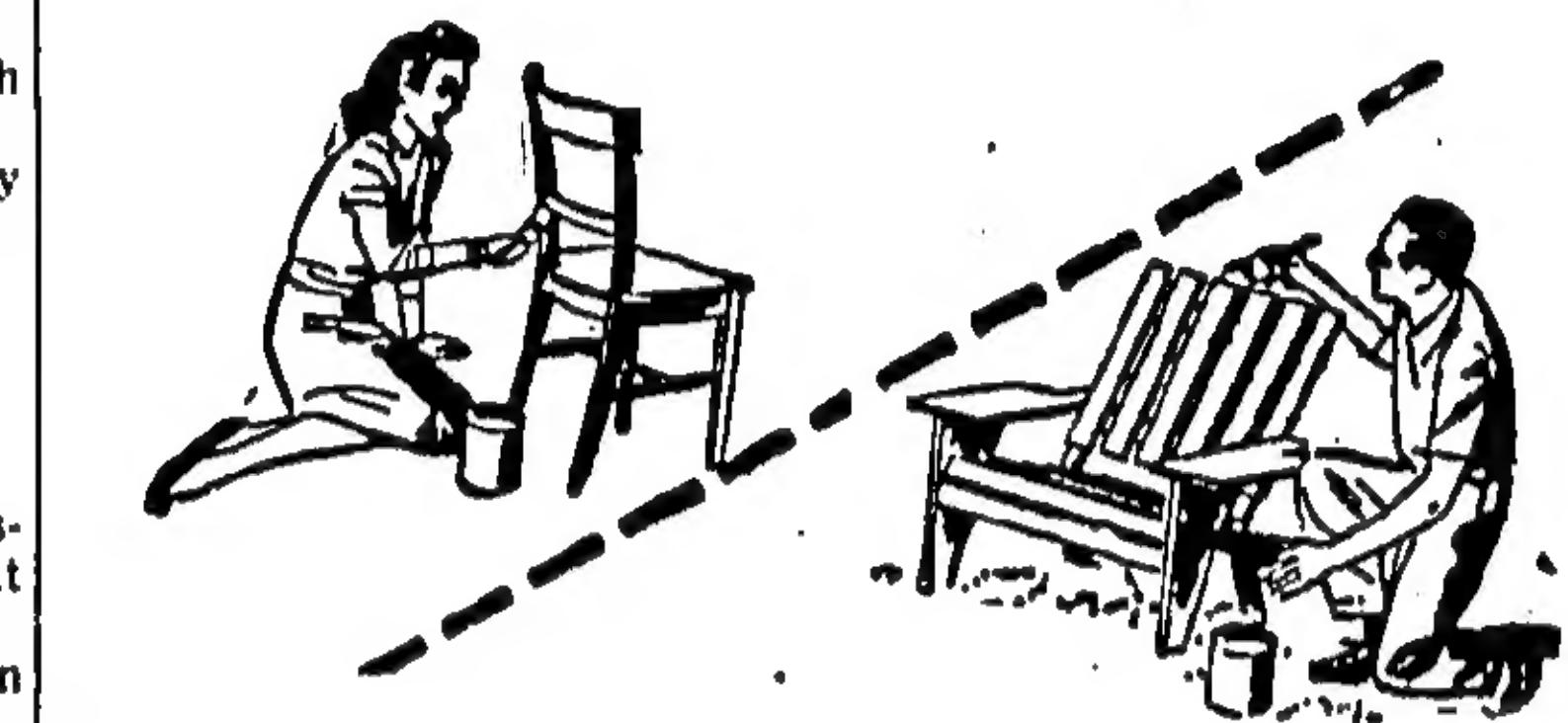
That seems to be the only way to earn enough to keep my head above water,  
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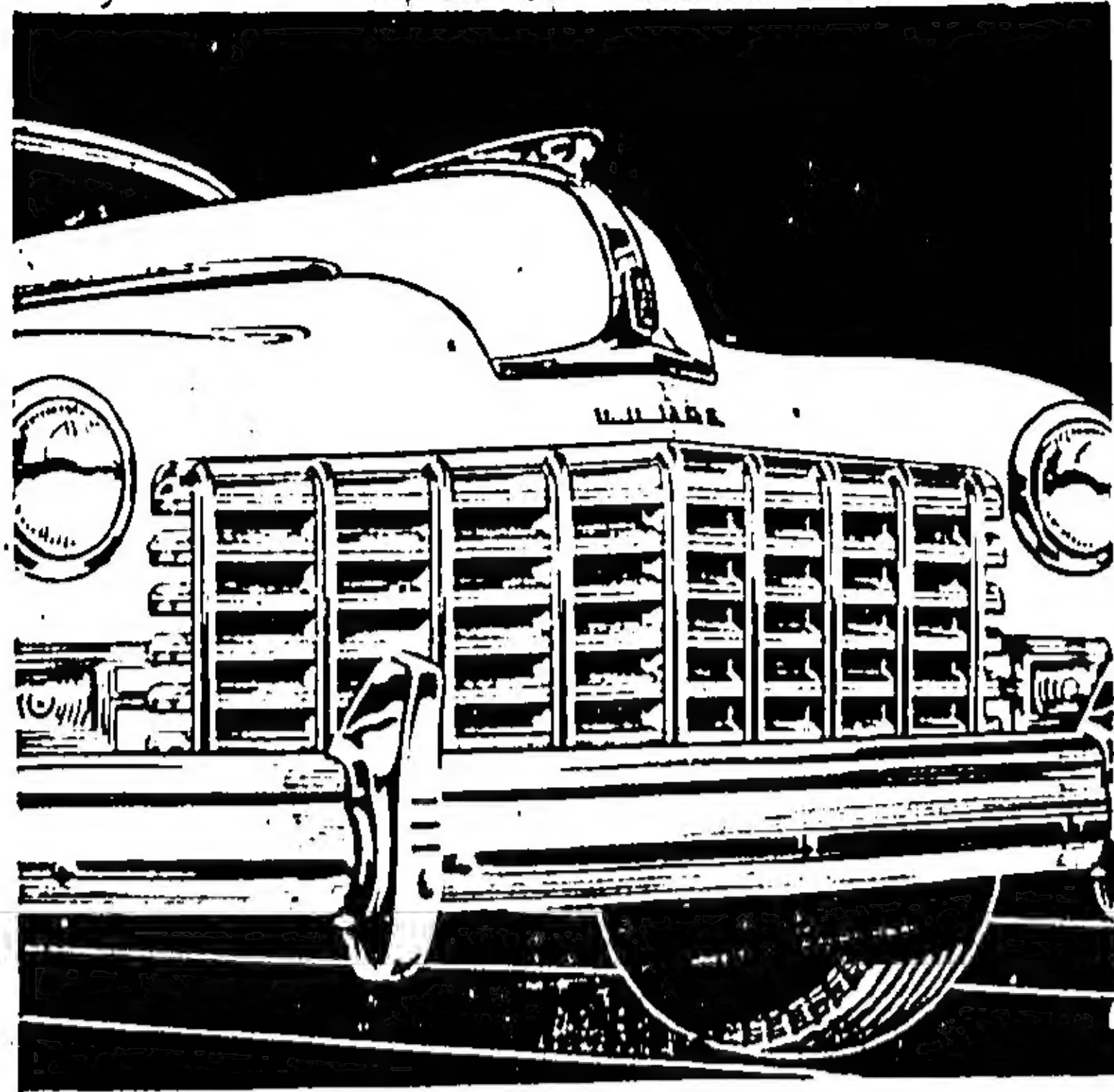
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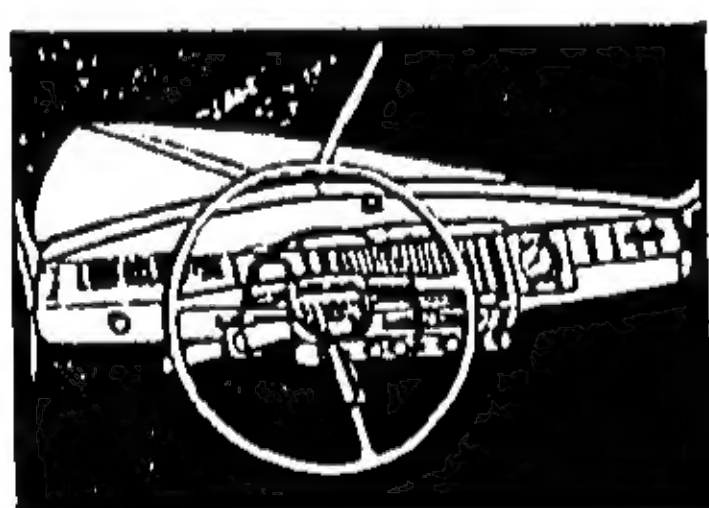
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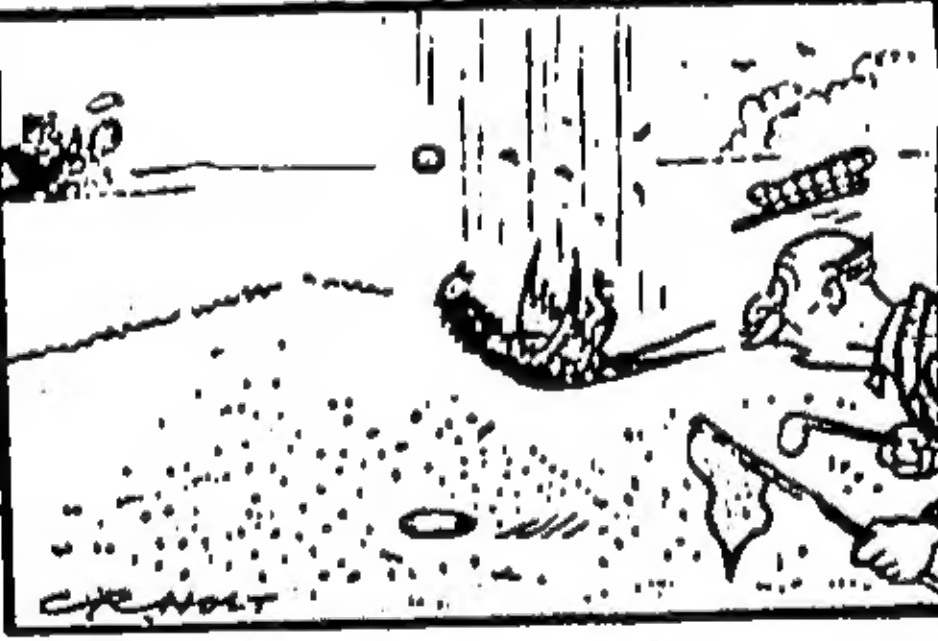
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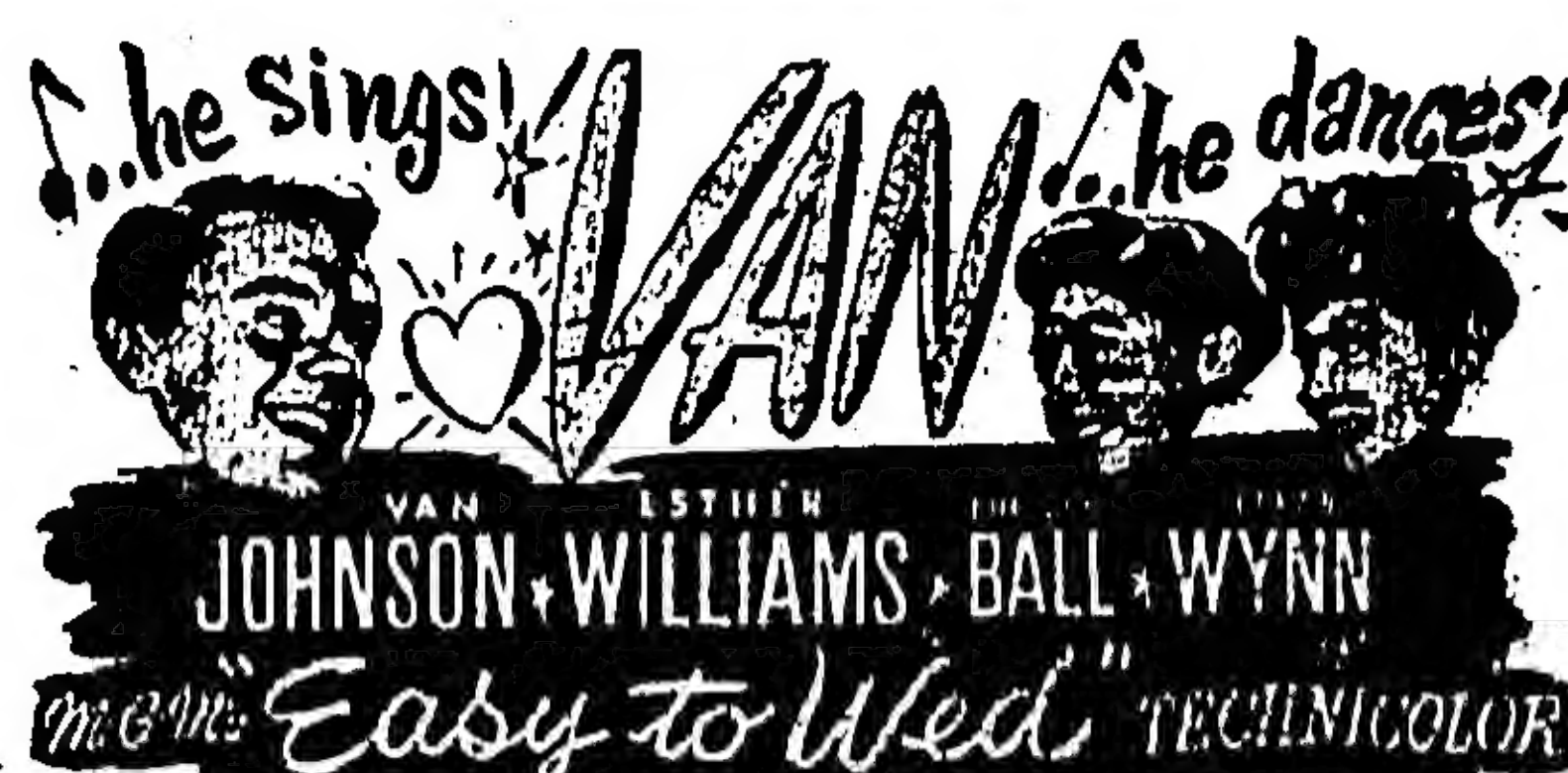
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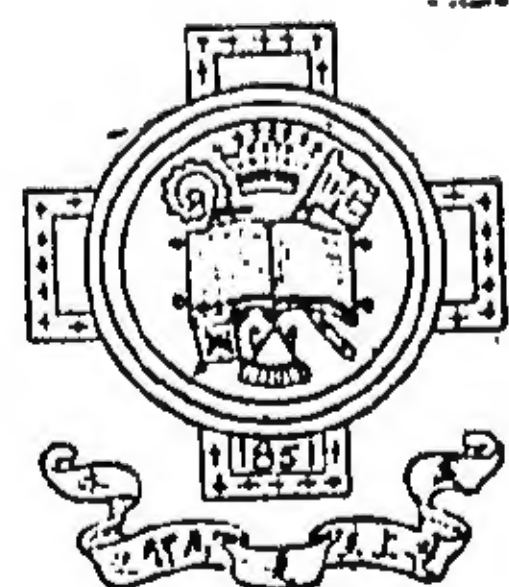
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# PRICE CONTROLS SECRECY

## Sir Stafford Cripps To Release All Details At End Of Month No Breach With TUC On Wages Policy

London, Feb. 13.

The full scope of British consumer goods to which rigid price control will now be applied, will probably not be known until the end of this month, when official orders will enforce the Government plans announced in Parliament yesterday by Britain's chief economic planner, Sir Stafford Cripps.

Complete details of the articles which will come under the price pegging policy have not been announced so far, presumably because of the disturbing effect a premature and incomplete disclosure might have upon trade.

The absence of any advance list of articles affected should also deprive British black-market dealers of any opportunity to exploit the situation by attempting to corner commodities.

Government orders, by operating retrospectively on the basis of prices ruling in December and January, will prevent an upward spiral of prices before "freezing" takes effect.

It is no secret, however, that among the principal less essential goods that will come under the new control are:—

Non-utility clothes not made to the Board of Trade's rigid specifications on material and price; non-utility china; non-utility linen; domestic glassware; pots and pans; stationery; lighting apparatus; and radio.

Board of Trade experts today began their work of preparing a series of orders under which the prices of many articles will be "frozen" in accordance with the Government's plan to reduce profits and control prices, announced in Parliament yesterday.

As many as 200 articles may be affected. It was forecast today, that the Government is chary of giving details in case premature disclosure would upset trade and lead to black market attempts to corner goods.

It was learned today that the proposed increases in the charges of nationalised British services will be reviewed. Rail fares and

the price of coal, gas and electricity may, therefore, stand at their present levels instead of rising as had been expected.

### No T.U.C. Breach

Responsible Labour Members of Parliament tonight declared that critics who expect a breach between the Government and the Trades Union Congress, over the Cabinet's plan to freeze wages, profits and prices, will be disappointed.

It is recognised generally, however, that four obstacles must be cleared before the Government can secure an effective backing from the whole industrial population for its new policy to fight the economic crisis.

Early reports indicate that the negotiating committee of the TUC has already decided to revise its General Council to endorse the Government's policy. If this is true, the Government has cleared the first hurdle.

The second task is to secure the TUC General Council's endorsement. If the whole General Council agrees to this course, an even bigger job lies ahead.

This is to secure the acquiescence of all the 200 individual trade unions affiliated to the TUC for these are the real arbiters of the success or failure. They are wage negotiating bodies, while the TUC is not.

### The Real Arbiters

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### U.S.E. The Solution

Buffalo, Feb. 13.  
Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, pre-war Chancellor of Austria, said in an address here that a United States of Europe was the only certain solution to the current difficulties of that continent.

Dr. Schuschnigg said that world must forget the events of the past few years and "start out afresh without an attitude of revenge, anger or hatred."  
"We should not lose hope because conditions appear so bleak in Europe now. A United States of Europe is an ideal federation which cannot be realised today or tomorrow. Its possibility is in the future,"—Reuter.

present engaged in negotiations for wage increases. All unions will have to take individual decisions on the Government plan.

Assuming that the individual union executives officially approve there will still remain one obstacle—securing endorsement by the union membership of Britain—totaling over 7,500,000 workers.

Unofficial strikes by sections of the unions could endanger the plan and even wreck it at the start. There seems to be little evidence, however, that Labour quarters are pessimistic as to the outcome,—Reuter.

### Warning

London, Feb. 13.  
The British press today generally welcomed the government programme to roll back prices to the December-November level but warned, however, that controls must not continue indefinitely lest they would paralyse the industry.

Across the Channel, France battled inflation with a government bill freezing prices at the January 15 level.

Belgium conscripted utility workers to stop what was described as inflationary wage demands. Official Belgian circles said that coal miners might be mobilized in addition to gas, water and electricity workers to keep wages stabilized.—United Press.

## No More Sales Of U.S. Ships?

Washington, Feb. 13.  
Two members of the House Merchant Marine Committee, Representatives Bradley of California and S. O. Bland of Virginia, served notice today they will oppose any further sales of surplus American cargo ships to foreign operators.

Their opinions were expressed at a hearing on extending the authority of the Maritime Commission to charter or sell war-built ships.

One exception, they indicated might be permitted. It would be the sale to the Philippines of vessels suitable for coastal operation.

Opposition to foreign sales also was expressed by the National Federation of American Shippers. Frazer Halley, President of the organization cited the importance of the merchant marine in war emergencies and added:

"We must not be dependent upon ships of other nations to carry our commerce and to furnish logistical and auxiliary support to our military forces."

—Associated Press.

## "Political Cowardice"

Washington, Feb. 13.  
The American Legion today charged Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress with "political cowardice in a conspiracy of stalling" for failure to act on universal military training.

National commander James F. O'Neill said: "There is evidence of a conspiracy to stall on the U.M.T. More than that, there is indication that the Republican leadership has ordered the U.M.T. legislation to remain bottled up in the Rules Committee."

O'Neill answered Chairman Leo A. E. Allen, of the Rules Committee, which has been sitting on the bill since it was unanimously approved by the House Armed Services Committee last July.

Allen, who is also a Legion member, wrote O'Neill that he regretted to have to disagree but he was opposed to universal military training.

O'Neill said Allen's personal opposition should not prevent the rest of the Senate the privilege of voting.—United Press.

### NEITHER ONE NOR T'OTHER

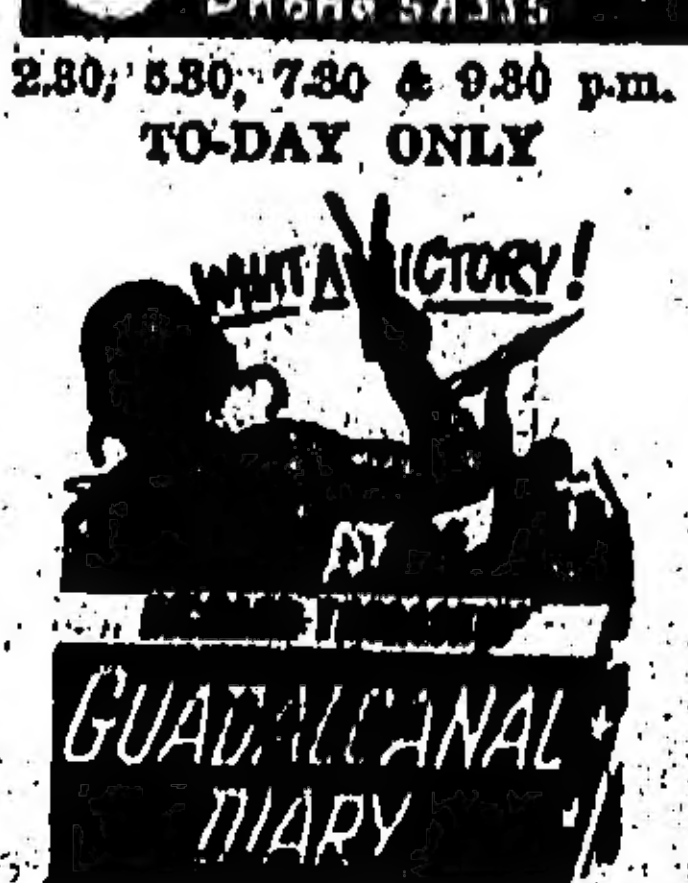
Berlin, Feb. 13.  
The United States Military Government did not want to enforce in Germany either an economic system based on private initiative or one based on nationalization, Colonel Howley, commander of the United States sector of Berlin, said at a press conference here today.

Asked whether sequestrations in the Soviet sector met with the approval of all the occupying powers, Colonel Howley said that there existed no four-power agreement on the transfer of German property into foreign possession.—Reuter.

### JAP SUICIDE

Manila, Feb. 13.  
Lt-Col Fumio Suzuki, 50, commander of a group of 21 Japanese officers and men charged with cannibalism in Bukidnon, Mindanao, escaped from the stockade in Bukidnon and committed suicide "due to the shame caused by the conduct of his men," according to an official report to-day.—United Press.

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## MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By Margaret Bradbury

## HELP NEEDED

A deserving organization at present in need of accommodation in Hong Kong is the Social Welfare Council, a section of which is now housed in two rooms of the Old City Hall.

While the owners of this site, the Bank of China, pull down the building to erect their new premises, the Council's case-workers and secretaries are liable to be "housed" in the open air. Miss Scott Moncrieff, its efficient organizer, is thus faced with a dilemma and says that any offers of accommodation would be most welcome.

The principal work of this organization in Hong Kong is of a family welfare nature, and is made possible by the monthly grant from Government of \$15,000. It is carried out by a staff of nine case-workers based in three centres, who interview applicants and pay house visits. Last year the Council dealt with 10,568 miscellaneous people in the Colony in need of assistance. The main purpose of the Council is the promotion of social welfare in its widest form by co-ordinating the work of voluntary welfare organizations. Total staff employed is 27, and includes teachers and office staff.

## INTERNATIONAL BEAUTIES

Mr. Kenneth Noble, Canada's Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong says there are plenty of chuckles in the day to day routine of organizing the Canadian International Trade Fair to be held in Toronto from May 31 to June 12.

He cites a recent cable from London to the Trade Fair headquarters which read, in staccato cable style "Imperative send us measurements average Canadian mannequin stop evidently difference size. English and Canadian women." This communication had something to do with the Fashion and Apparel exhibits, and investigations were made through a Canadian mannequin agency. Some interesting figures came to

suite, lingerie linens, tufted materials, and other related products from many countries. The fashion shows will be held in the main lounge, and the decorations for this are now in stages of preparation in Ottawa. It will be more or less circular in shape with an ultra modern motif. Colour and fabrics to be used have been carefully chosen to highlight the fashions which will be in display.

FROM HERE AND THERE  
Doctor W. Hackett, Government Ear, Nose and Throat specialist.



Back from Macao with a view to remaining in Hong Kong, is Mr. Elino Gualdi, Professor of Music who has spent the last 25 years in the Far East. Prof. Gualdi who during the war years was in Macao and Canton intends to begin a choral group in Hong Kong and also sponsor operatic concerts.

light. While it might be wise for purposes of accord between Englishwomen in Hong Kong and the women of Canada not to draw a comparison—there are a few measurements which describe the average Canadian model. Height, five feet seven and a half inches; bust, thirty-five inches; waist, twenty-five inches; hips, thirty-five inches.

Mr. Noble states that the "Textiles Apparel and Accessories" will be one of the larger and more spectacular displays at the Fair and expected to be one of the most popular attractions. Many a woman would give her eye teeth to be present to see what the fashion future holds for the autumn and winter of 1948. Apparently there will be plenty to see. The exhibits will occupy about 35,000 square feet, and feature unshrinkable knitted wear, fur, costumes and dresses, swim

## MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

By ATTICUS

Sir James Glegg's belief in Field-Marshal Montgomery's strategy and his assertion that, had it been accepted in 1944, the war would have been finished before the end of the year, may have required telling. But it is unlikely to be accepted by all the senior British officers who were at S.H.A.F.

It may revive the ill-humoured and highly sensational stories—all admittedly put out by Americans—concerning the Field-Marshal's relations with his American colleagues. For the fact that these stories have not damaged Anglo-American relations are beholden to the tact and restraint of General Eisenhower and of our own people.

We were not so fortunate after the first world war, when French and British generals washed a deal of dirty linen in public. The worst example was at the time of the Victory march in Paris, when Clemenceau, who did not like Joffre, offered him a seat in a stand next to Poincaré. Very naturally Joffre wanted to ride in the procession, and it is to be regretted that his request received no support from Poincaré.

In the end Joffre informed Clemenceau that, if he could not ride in the procession, he would not attend it at all and would give the public the reason for his absence. For once even Clemenceau had to yield.

## Queen Wilhelmina's Jubilee

This year Queen Wilhelmina of Holland will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of her reign as a full Sovereign. When she was crowned,

Europe was tranquil, and never perhaps had war seemed so remote. One of the new Queen's first and pleasantest tasks was to receive the international delegates to the First Peace Conference at The Hague, and as the garden party which she gave the moved young and fresh as a rose among the diplomats.

Many of them were old; some were sinister, and nearly all were cynical. The most sinister delegate was the Serbian Colonel Mashin, who was later to be the principal assassin of Queen Draga. As a cynical Frenchman said at the time, he should have been called her executioner, for he was almost her nearest relation.

As a Sovereign, Queen Wilhelmina has a unique record, for she has lived through the two greatest disasters of mankind, has seen her country invaded by a brutal enemy, and by her courage, her simplicity and her strength of character has maintained and indeed strengthened her hold on the affections of her people.

## Moustache Anniversary

The publication by the American State Department of the German Foreign Office records of the curious conversations between 1939 and 1941 almost coincides with the most strange of all Nazi anniversaries. Sixty-five years ago was born Gottfried Feder, No. 1 on the list of Hitler's "First Seven" supporters and the Fuehrer's political mentor.

Feder, an engineer whose name most British people have probably forgotten, made two major contributions to Nazism. He conceived the theory of two kinds of capital: one, "international, Jewish and exploiting loan capital," and the other, "national, purely German and productive capital." His other gift was a facial monstrosity. Feder, a dandy in dress and a film lover, had cultivated a Chaplin moustache. Hitler borrowed from his mentor both the theory of the two capitals and the moustache.

The theory did much to create his popularity and to raise him to supreme power. From the first, the Chaplineque moustache was recognized by the Nazis as a weakness, and as soon as they were in a position to do so they banned all Chaplin films in Germany. The excuse was Chaplin's Jewish origin, but the real reason was the moustache.

## Drawing-Room Inventor

A feature of post-war London that impresses foreign business visitors is the number of residential buildings which have been converted, without much alteration of internal decoration, for use as offices. Particularly attractive is Sir Dennistoun Horner's house-cum-office in Chelsea, Place, where it does not seem incongruous to find modernized, latest mechanical devices interspersed alongside old-fashioned furniture. It is clearly, as authority on both the interior of the moustache-

Air news of interest concerns the specially chartered 40-seater Skymaster plane which arrived in Hong Kong at the beginning of the week from Darwin, and took only 12 hours to make the trip. The aircraft landed at Kai Tak on Monday morning, after the non-stop flight from Australia and departed at 7.30 the following morning with 20 passengers aboard who disembarked that same evening in Darwin.

Mr. A. Fraser of the Town Planning section of Government became a father for the second time, when last week Mrs. Fraser gave birth to a son—to be named Stuart Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser who live in Melbourne Apartments, Kowloon, are comparative newcomers to the Colony. They arrived here from the U.K. in November on the "Canton."

Mr. Giles C. Stedman, Vice-President of the Pacific Operations, United States Lines Company, arrived here recently to confer with local officials of the Concern. En route to Hong Kong, Mr. Stedman visited U.S. offices in Japan and Shanghai. He is expected to remain here until February 16 when he will leave for Manila for further conferences at the Company's Far East Headquarters office.

First indication of the early opening of a Canadian Immigration Office in Hong Kong was given officially yesterday when it was learned that the Commissioner of Immigration designate is expected to reach Hong Kong on or about the 1st of April.

Mr. W. V. Pennell, Chief Editor of the British Far Eastern Broadcasting Service at Singapore has just paid to visit to the Colony. Mr. Pennell previously spent 30 years in Hong Kong and China and was for many years Editor of the Peking and Tientsin Times. He left China on a diplomatic exchange ship in 1942 following the bombing of Pearl Harbour and was posted to New Delhi by the Ministry of Information. He was deputy Director of Far Eastern Broadcasts at All India Radio until the end of 1945, when he flew to Singapore to take up his present post. Mr. Pennell is likely to pass through Hong Kong again on his way to Singapore in about a week's time.

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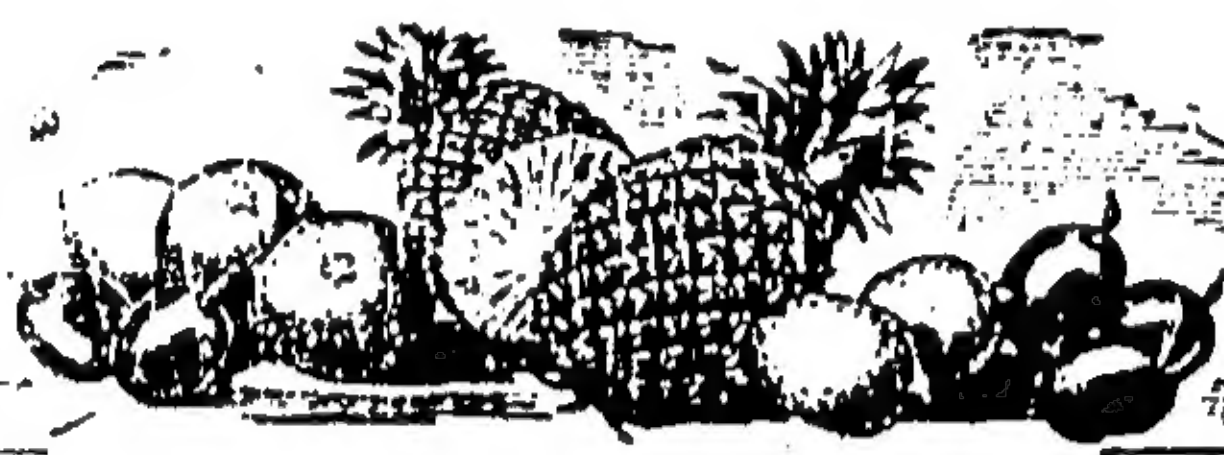
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# CAPTIVE GUERILLAS LOOK SAD

## Man Who Scooped The Pool

Washington, Feb. 12. It was learned today that Edwin T. Maynard, shrewd Chicago speculator, who made upwards of \$300,000 in the commodity market break, may be called before Senate investigators, on Monday to reveal his "system."

The Senate speculation subcommittee wants to find out for itself if Maynard acted on an "inside" tip when he sold 1,000,000 bushels of wheat short on the day the market broke last week.

Sen. William F. Knowland (Republican), the only available member of the subcommittee, refused to comment on the report that Maynard would be called to Washington, but advised reporters to keep a close watch next week.

Maynard, 62, denied any inside information and said all he knew was what he read in the newspapers.

Maynard's identity, a closely guarded secret for several days, was revealed yesterday by Agriculture Secretary Clinton P. Anderson. He said Maynard's wheat profits amounted to \$200,000 and that he made \$100,000 to \$200,000 on cotton and oats.

Mr. Anderson said Maynard had no confidential information.—United Press.

## Britain Demands A Decision

Berlin, Feb. 12. Following the halting of two more British trains by Soviet border guards no more sealed coaches carrying German passengers will be sent from Berlin to the British Zone until the British and Soviet authorities have come to some new decision on their right to pass, it was announced here today.

The two British trains, one eastbound and one westbound, were halted by Russian border guards at the Russian border station of Marienborn last night. The trains were allowed to proceed after several hours of delay but the two coaches containing Germans were detached from each train and sent back to their stations of origin, Hanover and Berlin.—Reuter.

## Hans Eisler Deportation

Washington, Feb. 12. Attorney General T. M. Clark today announced that a deportation order had been issued against Hans Eisler, Hollywood composer and brother of Gerhart Eisler, who was once described as the "number one Communist in the United States."

The order followed a hearing in New York by Immigration authorities of an allegation that Hans Eisler was a member in his native Germany of a group advocating the violent overthrow of the United States Government. He came to this country in 1941.

The Department of Justice said that Hans Eisler was "privileged to leave the country voluntarily" and that it was understood he would be leaving on February 16.—Reuter.

## FIFTH CHURCHILL GRANDCHILD

London, Feb. 12. A son was born today to Mrs. Christopher Soames, the former Mary Churchill. The boy is Winston Churchill's fifth grandchild.

Soames, a Captain in the Coldstream Guards, and Miss Churchill were married a year ago.—Associated Press.

Paris, Feb. 13. The price of gold ingots, which has not yet been quoted officially on the free gold market, was yesterday unofficially quoted around 525 francs per fine gramme, according to private records.—Reuter.

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## Girl Tells How She Was "Recruited"

(By Daniel Thrapp)

Salonika, Feb. 13.

The Greek northern army has imprisoned the guerillas captured after the Salonika shelling in a mountain top citadel whose eight-foot walls were built in Byzantine times. With interpreter Stavros Nicolaou, I travelled in an army truck in low-gear up the tortuous narrow city streets, climbing steeply past the sixth century city walls to the prison to interview the captives.

The area was closely guarded and although a horde of curious people including many soldiers, attempted to peer through holes in the steel citadel doors, our documents were closely scrutinized before we were allowed inside.

We were ushered past knots of wretched-looking guerillas awaiting supper to a small attic room where interrogations were taking place. A sad-looking guerilla girl—one of 12 captured—was ousted to give me a chair. She was dressed in a faded once red print dress, huge dress, huge army shoes and was muddled from feet to her long brown hair, which hung in two braids. She never said a word while we were there.

Nineteen-year-old Kriassoul Rantou, guerilla nurse, who was forcibly recruited from Yiannitsa, 35 miles west of Salonika, was brought in. She was not an unattractive brunette, with dark hair parted in the middle and lightly dusted with DDT. The guards were busily dusting the whole guerilla contingent with bug powder.

Green-eyed Kriassoul was snatched nine months ago when guerillas raided Yiannitsa and discovered she was a nurse. They took her to the Belles area, near the Yugoslavian frontier, where they had a small wood-and-mud field hospital under the supervision of a forcibly recruited doctor and one other nurse. Some 40 wounded guerillas were normally there, she said.

"They assigned me to a field hospital and ordered me to come with a raiding party," Kriassoul said. "They brought a gun and mortars from the Belles area and we were on the road for six or seven days of hard marching."

### Bed Companions

Kriassoul said the bandit chieftains assumed the right to select any girl they wanted for bed companions, "but I was lucky I guess."

The nurse corps was split up and she was assigned to a machine gun group. Once she tried to run away but was caught, she said.

The obviously intelligent, voluble and apparently honest girl said the gun may come from Yugoslavia. "There was a great deal of activity across the border one night and the next morning there was a gun," she said. "Ammunition was often brought across the border at night and distributed the following day."

She said the rebel hospital facilities were not especially good and the badly wounded were sent to Boulekas for treatment.

### O.K. For Food

Kriassoul, a small girl dressed in big army shoes, khaki pants, white shirt, blue sweater and muddy overcoat, said: "I surrendered with two other bandits. They have been feeding us okay and treating us well. It is a relief to be away from the guerillas."

Most of the guerillas were idling in the compound with tin cans in hand, awaiting their chow, which consisted mostly of fried potatoes, bread and some vegetables. They were a sad lot.

Sixteen-year-old George Triantafyllou, who looks 13, said he was forcibly recruited on December 12. Asked if he needed anything, he said he mostly needed a shoe for his right foot. He had one for his left foot.

## Russia Refrains From Veto

Washington, Feb. 12. The 11-nation Far Eastern Commission, without Russia's vote, today ordered early completion of the disarmament of Japan.

The Soviet Ambassador, Alexander S. Panyushkin, abstained from voting, members said, after several amendments for which he waged a vigorous fight were defeated or withdrawn.

He thus refrained from wielding the veto power held by each of the Big Four Pacific allies—Russia, the United States, Britain and China. Russia's delay in freeing some 750,000 Japanese war prisoners figured in the closed door debate which preceded the vote.

The policy directive will be binding on General Douglas MacArthur as Allied Supreme Commander in Japan.

It approves in general, members said, the steps MacArthur has already taken in dismantling the Japanese forces and destroying fortifications.—Associated Press.

## ANGLO-FRENCH UNITY STILL KEYSTONE

Paris, Feb. 13.

The close union and community of views "between Great Britain and France—this cooperation between the two countries"—was the keystone of the 16-nation (Marshall aid) Conference and remains the basis of French European policy, M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, said in the National Assembly debate today.

"Nothing in the future can separate Great Britain and France. The Entente Cordiale has become an immutable alliance," he declared. Germany, he added, "must cease to be the stake in existing international conflicts. Then nations must come to an understanding for the integration of a pacific Germany in the united Europe."

"I repeat that we do not want a centralized Reich. Within a federal framework, Germany can play a role commensurate with her resources."

M. Bidault added: "There is no possible intermediary between Germany and Europe other than France herself. Europe can only be reassured by France."

M. Bidault demanded the following guarantee on Germany:

- 1.—The occupation to be eventually limited to the Rhenish provinces.
- 2.—A limitation or prohibition of certain industries.
- 3.—An international regime for the Ruhr and an equitable distribution of Ruhr coal was a European source of wealth which must be exploited for the benefit of Europe.
- 4.—A federal Germany and an effectively controlled Ruhr, "which were essential conditions of our security."

### Duty

"It is essential," he said, "that we enable that part of Germany for which we are responsible to live. Our duty is to achieve the permanent objectives of French policy with the means at our disposal and, failing four-power agreement, to do this by means of a common policy between the three other Governments, and we shall try to harmonize our views with the United States and Great Britain."

M. Bidault said that on important points Britain and the United States diverged from France in her views on Germany. A fuller exchange of views would take place in London and if a tripartite agreement could be reached, it would remain to reach agreement between the four powers.

In an earlier reference to Russia and Slav opposition to the United Nations organization, the French Foreign Minister said some rays of light appeared to be showing on the eastern horizon, and if this development was confirmed, no country would be more satisfied than France.

M. Bidault said that Marshall aid was vital to the welfare of Europe and the maintenance of peace.

### "Europe Is One"

"To France, Europe is one," M. Bidault said. Its present division was intolerable. Europe was not merely the fringe around the Mediterranean to which absurd refusals at present limited it.

Europe stretched as far as the Urals and was animated by a Christian and humanist spirit. Today, the traditional civilization of Europe was represented in the 16 Marshall aid nations who had given proof of their independence (by attending the Paris talks).

M. Bidault said the Soviet Union was responsible for a cleavage in Europe "which we do not accept as being definite." The possible consequences of this cleavage might mean "immense misfortune."

### Close Ties

Strengthening close ties between Britain and France, M. Bidault said, the French Government welcomed

the speech recently made by Mr. Ernest Bevin with regard to European cooperation.

The French Government were ready to enter into negotiations with any European country sharing the same viewpoint regarding a customs union, he added.

"Up to the present the Government has only received an explicit reply to such a proposal from Italy," he said.

In his reference to Germany, M. Bidault said: "The nightmare of a possible invasion of France's eastern frontier must be removed once and for all."

The only solution was the integration of a peaceful Germany in a united Europe, a Germany free of its obsession for domination, he added.

M. Bidault said the Marshall Plan would mean the salvation of France and world peace.

### Economic Aid

Expressing France's impartiality on the question of economic aid, M. Bidault said: "If anyone else offered the French people the same aid under the same conditions of independence, we would accept."

If the victors in the last war tried to woo Germany from two different sides, they were playing a dangerous and, indeed, an immoral game. Foreign opinion has sometimes accused France of taking an "historic" instead of a realistic view of Germany.

What France was concerned with was precisely to prevent the reconstitution of the past.

"She rejects any attempt to remake the Germany of Bismarck. Controls must be effective and not merely on paper."

France at no time opposed the economic recovery of Germany, providing it was not made in priority over her neighbors.

M. Bidault said: "The coal of the Ruhr is a European asset to be exploited for the benefit of Europe as a whole."

He added that the recent reforms of the bizone called forth serious reservations on the part of France.—Reuter.

## Battle In Prague

Prague, Feb. 12.

Czech Communists were today said to be planning to exert "high pressure" against the Rightwing leadership of the Socialist Party after two defeats within the Cabinet this week.

Disregarding the policy of the Communist-led Czechoslovak Trade Union Congress, the URO—the Cabinet decided on wage rises for all State employees ranging from 500 to 800 crowns a month.

The URO had stood for a 500 crown rise only.

M. Antonin Zapotocky, Communist chairman of the URO, has replied by calling a nation-wide congress in Prague next month with the declared resolve of preventing the approval of the wage increase bill by Parliament.—Reuter.

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## MIRACLES Mean Nothing To Experts In The Yogi Cult

This is the story of the men whose strange power over their bodies enable them to lie on beds of spikes, to walk barefooted on white-hot coals—even to “die” at will and restore themselves to life.

They are the Yogis. Most of them live in India, but the stories of their powers have stirred the imagination of many. Some Englishmen have tried out this cult themselves.

Now what has this to do with the search for faith? Simply that the Yogis have discovered and practised a spiritual way of life of which the physical “miracles” are unimportant by-products.

They call their way of life Yoga, which means “concentration.” They are not unduly interested in the “miracles” which Yoga helps them to perform. But their queer feats, have provided material for many scientific investigations.

Many of the religious and philosophical societies in Britain recommend that their members set aside a certain period every day for “meditation” or “quiet thought.” Others advocate physical exercise in conjunction with the more spiritual exercises—a sound mind in a healthy body, as the Romans put it. Such organizations are really putting into practice some of the main precepts of Yoga, whether they realise it or not.

Now let me tell you what happened to two scientists who went to India to investigate some of the miracles said to be worked by the holy men.

Sitting beneath a tree on the outskirts of a village they found a lean naked man. His only possession was a wooden begging-bowl, yet the villagers paid him the respect due to a prince.

The scientists asked him if he would give them a demonstration. He agreed, and with sensitive



Lying on spikes is one of the “magic” feats of Hatha Yoga.

By **JACK THOMAS**

electrical instruments they recorded his heart-beats and breathing. Both were normal.

### No Sign Of Heart Beats

“Now attend,” said the fakir. He closed his eyes. In a few minutes the instruments showed that his heart and breathing had apparently stopped. To all appearances, the man was dead.

Obedient to the fakir’s instructions the scientists waited an hour. Then they commanded: “Come back.”

They watched their instruments. The indicators showed the gradual resumption of heart action and breathing. The pulse fluttered, began to beat strongly. The fakir’s eyelids opened. He sat up—none the worse for his temporary “death.”

This is no Oriental legend like the Indian rope trick. It happened, and the facts are recorded in scientific text-books.

All over India are men with similar powers. They stand in contorted positions until their limbs become permanently fixed and crippled. They walk barefooted over masses of white-hot coals.

The Indians call this sort of thing Hatha Yoga—the science of magical conjuring tricks. It works and the “miracles” happen—at a price to the individual.

Westerners attempting the art are likely to end in mental homes or, at the least, to damage their health. Some people, intrigued by tales of the Indian adepts, attempt to get results by involved breathing exercises which they believe to be Yoga. Usually they are disappointed—and they are probably fortunate.

It is a common belief that breathing exercises increase clairvoyant power. But any doctor will tell you that if you breathe deeply enough for long enough the most likely sequel is that you will partly lose consciousness.

### Not A “Stunt” Religion

Yoga is not a “stunt” religion or a short cut to supernatural powers. It is one of the world’s highest philosophies, and its sole purpose is the search for Truth. The schools of Raja Yoga, the “kingly science,” are methods of learning how to find the truth. That—and nothing more.

The real Yogi is not out to stunt. He is not seeking psychic power, or to work magic for gain or fame. He is an ascetic who spends many long hours in meditation, often owning nothing but a begging-bowl and a loin cloth. He is looking for spiritual enlightenment.

In the course of his search he often develops strange powers, but they are side-issues which interest him little.

Let me tell you the story of Swami Ramanand, who recently started the Europeans of Bombay by remaining under the earth in a self-imposed trance for 24 hours. He considered the feat of little importance. “I can enter and remain in Samadhi (trance) for six months without food or motion,” he claimed.

Born in Madgalay, of a wealthy land-owning family, Ramanand lost his mother when he was ten. Grief-stricken, he left home and wandered northwards to Bharno, near China, where he met a Buddhist monk who taught him many secrets. But Ramanand was traced and sent home.

Four years later, dissatisfied with his comfortable life, he set out for the Himalayas. On the way he met a youth from Mysore who had also renounced the world. Their destination was Mount Kailas, near Manasarovar, in the midst of the Himalayan range.

Manasarovar to reach the higher stages of spiritual development. After a three-year stay in a cave among the silent peaks he returned to establish his ashram, or hermitage.

Here is his explanation of how he can remain apparently dead for long periods.

There are two types of Samadhi (trance) he says. In the lower state, breathing continues faintly. In the higher state, there is no breathing. The heart and pulse stop.

When a Yogi wishes to go into Samadhi he practises an exercise to purify his stomach. The tongue is elongated by massage. Then, sitting cross-legged and erect, the Yogi meditates until trance state is reached. The tongue is taken internally to the top of the head. When it touches certain brain centres an essence is released which nourishes the body while the trance lasts.

Now this, to a Western mind, sounds sheer nonsense. But what is the object of this extraordinary performance, if it is not a mere stunt?

Ramanand explains it this way: “In Samadhi, minds are raised to a higher consciousness. All conscious thought is suspended. The Yogi aims by concentration to bring the individual self into union with the Universal. The ultimate aim is the final re-union of the individual self with the Universal or world-self, and release from the burden of continued earthly births.”

Yoga is founded on a deep understanding of psychology and physiology. In India, psychology has existed as a high science for centuries. Yoga is a scientific method of training as any in our universities. The difference is in its aim.

There are many different schools of Yoga, but they can be resolved into four main streams: the Yoga of devotion, which is akin to the Christian mystical philosophy; the Yoga of knowledge, similar to the classical Greek philosophies; the Yoga of right action and right relationships—blood-brother to modern Western psychology; and Raja Yoga—the Yoga of Will—which includes all the others and in, in some ways, the highest of all.

Thousands of British Service men and women became interested in Yoga while in India during the war. But real Yoga is difficult—almost impossible—to practise in the West. He who aspires to enlightenment must become a vegetarian. He must give up tobacco and even his pint of ale at the “local.” For the true seeker even marriage is banned.

Have you ever seen Indian dancers—like the colourful troupe which recently visited London? These men look upon their work not simply as a career but as part of their religion. Compared with their long preparation the rigorous performance they meditate profoundly, sometimes for hours. Often they dance in a trance-like state.

### Fake “Yoga” Cults

It is a far cry from this regime of intensive physical and spiritual discipline to the popular conception of Yoga.

“I had a pal in the Army who went in for Yoga,” an ex-Serviceman told me the other day. “He used to stand in front of his tent doing the most complicated physical jerks. He built up the most terrific set of muscles you ever saw.”

Magnificent—but not necessarily Yoga. The late Eugene Sandow was also a muscle-builder. There is, of course, no harm in this kind of thing. The danger lies in the fake Yoga cults.

I have investigated several of these, sometimes with amusing results. The leading spirit of one, a young man named Mr. Babu, who visited here some time before being sent to the

“B.A. (Failed) London.” His high-sounding “Oriental College” turned out to be a pair of small rooms in a Bloomsbury boarding-house, where he lectured a small circle of admirers as pathetic as himself.

The rest of the week he devoted to his “correspondence course,” cribbed blatantly from the publications of the Buddhist Society and the Theosophists, and to the posting of ready-printed horoscopes. He did little harm, and he worked hard for his few pounds a week.

More sinister was the man who, for a consideration, was prepared to initiate his clients into “the hidden wisdom of Tibet.” His literature was expensive and well-produced. At first glance it carried conviction. But examined closely, it was a dangerous half-informed conglomeration of vague esoteric teachings, psychism and superstition.

### May End In Madness

Anyone foolish enough to attempt to carry out its precepts would soon have to pay a heavy penalty in mental and bodily health. The eventual outcome might well be madness.

As a final cautionary tale, let me tell you about an elderly schoolmistress in a West of England town.

She fell for the flattery of one of these cults. Confident of her “innate psychic powers,” she posted five shillings to the “Swami,” who guaranteed he would develop them. By return came a book which explained how, by certain breathing exercises, she could “attain enlightenment.”

Each morning for a week the schoolmistress, thinly clad, sat cross-legged by her open bedroom window. Loud and long she breathed. And on the eighth day, she attained—pneumonia!

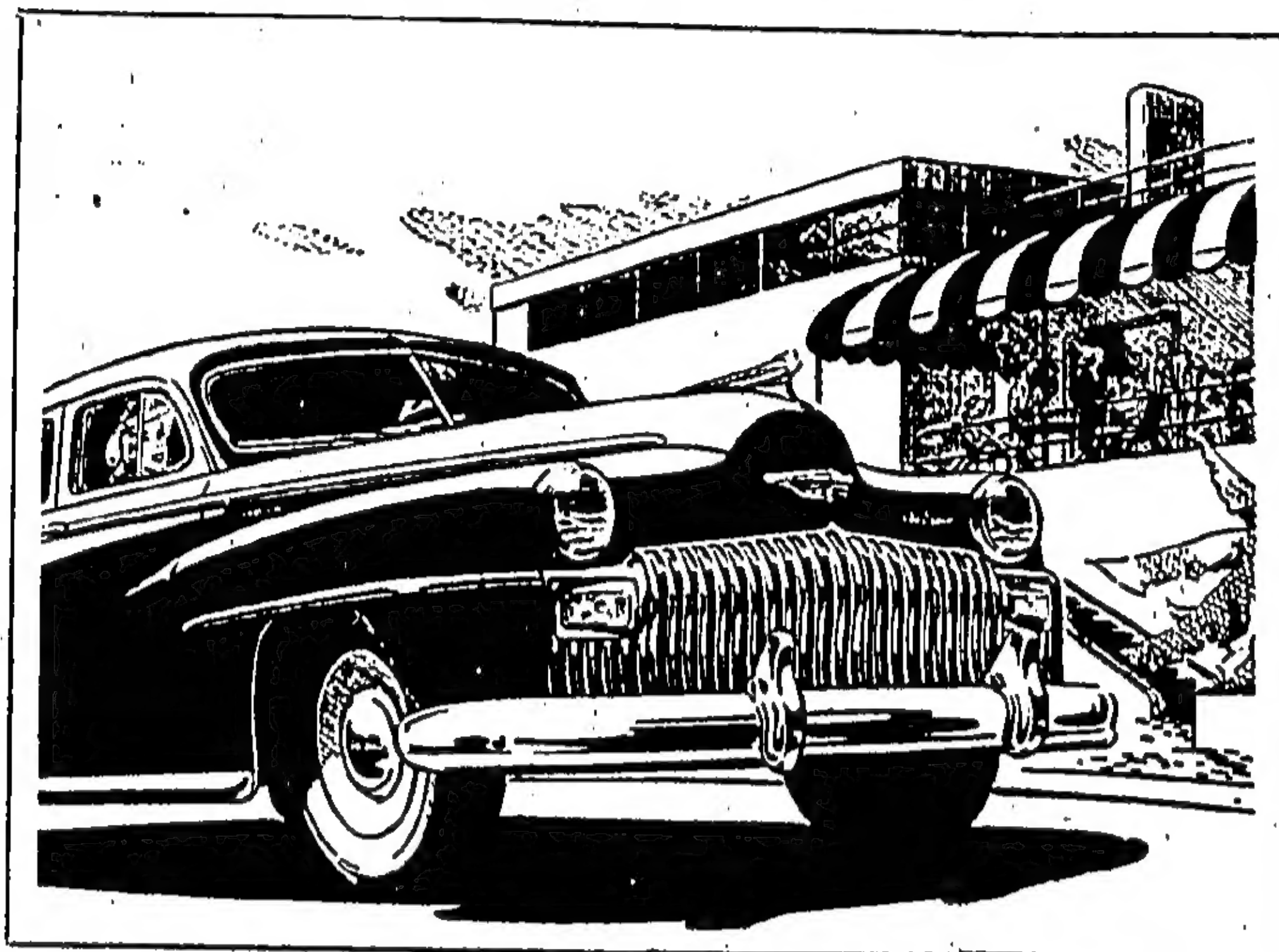
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# PEACE OR WAR IN PALESTINE?

JOHN D'ARCY DAWSON in The Following Article Gives Pen Pictures Of The Three Men On Whom The Decision Will Mainly Rest.

The Arab world, which since 1918 had been divided by jealousies, has united under the decision for a compulsory partition of Palestine.

Upon three men rests much of the responsibility for the Arabs' future conduct. One of them, Azzam Pasha, is Secretary-General of the Arab League. Another is General Nuri Pasha, of Iraq, who would lead them in war, and the third is Fawzi el Kawiki.

Azzam Pasha, 55 years of age, tall, ascetic looking, is one of the pioneers of the Arab movement, and had a colourful background of active fighting in its cause.

Born in Egypt, he came to England as a young man to study medicine at St. Thomas Hospital, London, where he remained for three years.

But he abandoned his studies to join the Libyan Arabs in their long fight for independence.

He admits with a smile that he also fought with the Libyan Arabs against the British and French during the World War One, when the Arabs made guerrilla raids on camels.

Later, he returned to Egypt, joined the Egyptian nationalist movement under Zaghlul Pasha, and eventually became a Minister. In 1945, he was elected by the Arab countries to be Secretary-General of the Arab League.

### League's Secretary

Azzam Pasha is a family man, and he loves to get home to his elegantly furnished flat in Cairo to spend his leisure with his wife and children. His wife speaks French fluently, and whenever possible accompanies him on his foreign missions.

One of his sons goes to the English school in Cairo, for whatever his political views, the Arab leader has a great admiration for British character, institutions, ideals.

Despite his hard fight against us he believes firmly in the need for close friendship between Great Britain and the Arab countries. A good talker with a ready wit, he is a master at humorously evading awkward questions.

### Good Bridge Player

General Nuri Pasha has a tremendous reputation amongst his compatriots, for he is a good

soldier, combining great physical courage with tactical ability and the capacity for brilliant organisation.

The General likes good living, dresses well, smokes heavily, and is an excellent bridge player.

A strong personality, General Nuri Pasha served as a senior staff officer in the Turkish Army, where with most of his fellow Arab officers he was a member of the Al-Ahd Society, an underground movement aimed at the creation of a vast Arab State from all the countries dominated by the Sultan.

In 1916 the Society's work paved the way for the Arab revolt led by King Hussein of Mecca. Working closely with the late King Feisal I of Iraq and Lawrence of Arabia, Nuri Pasha distinguished himself as a military commander, especially in the decisive battle of Malan in which an Arab army defeated

the Turks and Germans, forcing the Turks right back from south of Transjordan to the suburbs of Damascus.

### Vision of Unity

After 1918 Nuri Pasha became the right hand man of King Feisal I, and must of the credit for the modern kingdom of Iraq is due to his sound organisation.

To Nuri Pasha came the vision of Arab unity, which he saw as a Federal State composed of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan and Palestine.

His proposals at the Alexandria Conference of Arab States for an Arab Federation instead of the present Arab League, were defeated, but he believes that his plan will eventually be adopted.

For over 35 years Nuri Pasha has fought in the field and at the council table for the Arab cause.

The Arabs' third leader is Fawzi el Kawiki, to whom all eyes are turned whenever an armed uprising is planned in any Arab country.

Fawzi, tall, robust, with close cropped hair, distinguished himself as first-class commander in two Arab rebellions, the 1925 Syrian revolt, and 1936-39 Palestine revolt.

Before 1925 he was a company commander of a North African unit of the French Troupes Speciales. When the Syrian revolt began he joined the rebellion with the whole of his unit.

Later, he went to Saudi Arabia and organised the regular army there. In 1932 he was appointed an instructor of guerrilla warfare in the Royal Iraqi Military College.

When the 1936 Palestine revolt broke out, Fawzi joined the Arabs there with an Iraq detachment. In 1941 he was wounded while fighting the Free French near Palmyra.

He was evacuated to Turkey and later left for Athens and stayed there until he returned to his home in Lebanon in 1947.

# The Doctrine Of The Mean

By  
Professor  
C.E.M. Joad

A divorce-court judge recently criticised a husband on the ground of meanness. How can you strike a balance between meanness and thrift, or between extravagance and generosity?

The answer is to be found in Aristotle's celebrated doctrine of the Mean. (This is not a pun.)

The basis of the theory of the Mean is medical. The idea being that there is a condition of the body which is midway between being too hot and too cold, between being too moist and too dry; these different elements, heat and coldness, moisture and dryness, being, as it were, exactly balanced.

### Mean is Between Two Extremes

This is the condition of anything, that is to say, in the way of the "too much" or the "too little," is bad for health. Thus

your health suffers if you eat too much food or take too much exercise; it also suffers if you eat and take too little.

Now Aristotle's theory of virtue is that the soul's health depends, like that of the body, on being in a Mean state between two extremes. Thus courage, a virtue of the soul, is a Mean between rashness and cowardice, mastery of the passions, which we call self-control, is a Mean between complete indulgence, when we do everything we want to and complete inhibition, when we do nothing that we want to for fear of the consequences.

Temperance is a Mean condition between drunkenness and teetotalism. You see, to be a teetotaler, that is to say, to deny yourself all the pleasures of alcohol, is as excessive in its way, as excessive on the minus side, as to be an ascetic and to deny yourself all the pleasures of love.

Both arise from an excess of weakness and fear in men who are so afraid that their passions will get control that they dare not give them any rope at all. These men dare not bend for fear that they break. The strong man is confident in his ability to give his passions a little rope, as much, indeed, as is right and proper, and then to rein them in. Similarly, liberality is a Mean condition between meanness and prodigality.

Now this is not just an automatic scale which you can apply by rule of thumb to everybody. We have to choose the Mean relatively to ourselves. That is to say, the Mean is not the same in all circumstances.

Suppose I am going to take a hot bath. Then on any given occasion there is a temperature which is exactly right for my bath water; it is right relatively for me, that is to say, to the state of my body—some people might like it hotter, some colder and it is right relatively to the circumstances, that is, to the temperature of the room, the time of the year.

So much for the general theory. Now for its application to the case of meanness. Aristotle points out that we are much more apt to err on the side of too little than too much; to be cowardly rather than rash; to be mean rather than prodigal.

Moreover, nobody ever thinks himself mean, saying to himself, "What I am doing is a mean thing," when he knocks something off his bill or gives the taxi-man too small a tip. Again, generosity and meanness vary enormously with one's mood. I will give 45 to a charity and jib at taking a taxi; will order a bottle of wine for 30s. without turning a hair, but will try to save buying new envelopes by using old ones.

It is much easier to give to the deserving and to the people that you like; in fact, it is a form of self-indulgence, designed to purchase for us the pleasures of patronage and the feeling of basking in other people's admiration and gratitude. Our duty, as opposed to our pleasure, is to give to those who are undeserving and those whom we don't like. Remember, too, that he who gives quickly gives twice over.

About wives. There is only one thing to do: make them a separate allowance which is theirs to spend as they please with no questions asked from you. How big should the allowance be? Well, read Aristotle on the Mean, find out what you consider to be the right Mean amount relatively to your income, and then add a fifth.

Finally, most of the above are counsels of perfection. Now we should aim at the Mean, which means that we should not try to be too perfect.

# Slaving For The Soviet's Gold

Secrets of Russia's fabulously wealthy gold mines are slowly leaking from the "corrective" camps of the men who work them, in desolate Kolyma, in the coldest Arctic wastes. Temperatures drop to -52deg.F. Mercury becomes as malleable as lead, iron as brittle as glass.

The Kolyma mines have multiplied Soviet output four to six times, declares David J. Davis and Boris I. Mikoyev in "Forced Labour in Soviet Russia" (Holt and Carter, 25s.). They have lifted the Soviet share to nearly 30 per cent of world output, as against 10 to 14 per cent before the mines were intensively worked.

### Enormous Stocks

Enormous stocks of gold are reported to be in the cellars of the Kremlin Treasury. "They were not there 15 years ago, when the Government was obliged to sell the treasures of Russian museums for what they would fetch," says the author, "the purchase abroad," observe the authors, "was a colossal sum."

In 1910 a fugitive convict brought a small bag of gold from Kolyma, and sold it to a trader. His first name was "Boriska," and the first goldfield was later named "Boriska." News spread of the find, but the place was well-guarded.

In 1925 an amnesiac White officer returned from hiding in the region, and brought back a few ounces of platinum, which is often found near gold.

The Soviet Academy of Sciences sent an expedition. An unexpected discovery—possible these days only in Northern Siberia—was a wide mountain range, rising to 10,000ft., and stretching almost 1,000 miles.

### Costs Many Lives

Fragmentary data lead to the conclusion that this once poor land is one of the richest in the world in mineral resources, including coal, oil, graphite, mica, phosphorus, marble, iron, copper, zinc, tin, lead, wolfram, molybdenum, silver, and several varieties of precious stones.

Blizzards and a heavy blanket of geological ice have acted as incorruptible guards.

Not a year passes without several expeditions ranging over the area. Hundreds of young enterprising geologists conduct a methodical search, exploring and mapping every stream and hollow.

Conditions in the slave camps are so harsh that the authors estimate that every metric ton of gold costs more than 750 lives.

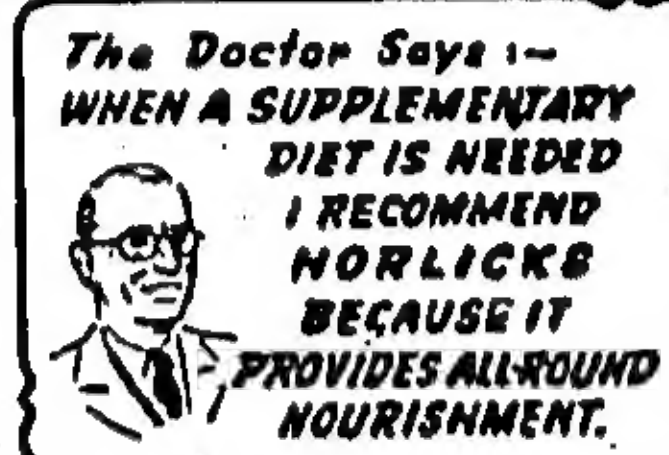
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# No Chance Of A Second Guess Mr. Marshall Warns The United States Crucial Decision To Be Faced

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 13.

The people of the United States were facing the greatest decision in their history with "confusion" in their minds, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, declared today.

In calling for approval of the Marshall Plan to aid Europe, the Secretary of State warned the United States that there "will be no opportunity for a second guess" to determine "the survival of the kind of world in which democracy, individual liberty, economic stability and peace can be maintained."

Mr. Marshall made these statements in a speech to the National Farm Institute here. He hailed the plan recently set forth by Mr. Ernest Bevin for a Western European union as "our best hope."

He warned that failure of the European recovery programme would result in the subjugation of Western Europe and said that this would have a "deplorable impact" on all the areas around the European continent.

Mr. Marshall said that "geography alone would mean that the Middle East and the entire Mediterranean would be directly affected. The position of the British Isles and the whole structure of the British Commonwealth, which has exerted a profound influence on the stability of the world and world trade, would be critically affected."

The speech was Mr. Marshall's first public revelation of the concern he has felt about the progress of the aid debate in Congress and of his fears that the basic purposes of the scheme might be forgotten.

"Our people in the United States face the greatest decision in our history. It will have a profound and far-reaching effect on the whole world. Like all momentous decisions, once taken it cannot be altered. There will be no opportunity for a second guess."

### Vital Decision

"The vital decision we are now called on to make with respect to our foreign policy is being made in the American way. But the danger in this procedure is that we may become so preoccupied with details that we might lose sight of the great objective of the European recovery programme."

"So much has been said and printed during the past two months regarding the programme that there is confusion in the minds of many people about it."

Expressing his urgent desire to make "clear as crystal the great objective of the programme and its relationship to the future of the world," Mr. Marshall said:

"It represents a tremendous effort for constructive leadership. If adopted, it will rank as one of the great historic undertakings in the annals of world civilization."

"Make no mistake, the consequences of its success or failure will determine the survival of the kind of world in which democracy, individual liberty, economic stability and peace can be maintained."

He asserted that "the Soviet Union and their Communist allies have been seeking to exploit the postwar crisis to gain a controlling influence over all of Europe."

"The Secretary of State reiterated his belief that 'if a stable and healthy Western Europe can be realized, the Soviet leaders will be much more inclined to reach a settlement on the terms for a peace treaty.'"

"The decision due to be made shortly by Congress, he said, will set the course of history for a long time to come and 'our own destiny for a distant future.'"

### At Cross-Roads

Mr. Marshall told his mid-western audience:

"In my opinion we are quite literally at the cross-roads. There are two roads we can take. We can decide that the difficulties and risks of this programme are too great and therefore do nothing. We can attempt to meet the situation grudgingly by half-hearted and inadequate assistance in so far as the result is concerned."

"This, in effect, would be the equivalent of doing nothing, but at great expense. But even more tragic that the material effect would be the psychological impact of a default in American leadership."

"If we take such a decision, we must expect to see Western Europe pass under the same control which is now exercised over the satellite nations of Eastern Europe. The process would not be the same in each country. It would be faster in some and slower in others, but the pattern and result would be the same."

"Under such conditions, free institutions would not long survive on the European continent."

The Secretary of State recalled his decision after the failure of last year's Moscow Conference that "this Government, in its commanding position of acknowledged leadership in the world, could take some positive action to save the situation."

"The negative procedure of the past, which had led us into two terrible wars, was no longer tolerable."

### Historical Step

This decision, he said, resulted in the 16-nation Paris Conference, which made a "historical step of first importance towards the making of a peaceful world."

### Atom-Bomb Laboratories

London, Feb. 13.

The War Office announced today that Britain will set up laboratories in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki areas of Japan to study long term effects of the atom bomb.

Both are in the British occupied zone. Sites are being surveyed by the U.S. National Research Council the announcement said. — Associated Press.

### British Protest

London, Feb. 12.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain had made representations to Transjordan concerning the "incursion" of Arab guerrillas into Palestine from Transjordan in late January.

"Arab governments are kept constantly aware of Britain's views. Representations have been made on each separate occasion incursions have taken place," he said.

Asked why British troops in Palestine had not evicted the guerrillas, he said: "Measures to eject them would have required the expenditure of very considerable forces which would have had to be withdrawn from other and more vulnerable parts of Palestine." — United Press.

## Kashmir Debate Compromise

Lake Success, Feb. 12.

The United Nations Security Council today decided to adjourn the discussion of the India-Pakistan dispute which has been before them since January 6.

This will permit members of the Indian delegation to return to Delhi for consultations with their Government on the Kashmir issue.

General MacLaughlin, as President of the Council, said: "I felt that the solution of the question which was troubling us was not to be found in any resolution put to a vote and passed by majorities — or worse, voted upon and left undecided by a distribution of votes."

### Unified Arab Currency?

Cairo, Feb. 12.

A proposal for unifying the monetary systems of the countries of the Arab League has been formally submitted to the Arab League Council, now meeting here, by the Iraqi delegation.

A committee will be set up to study the problem and draft a report, it was learned today.

It will consist of financial experts from each of the seven states in the League—Egypt, Iraq, the Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, the Yemen and the Palestine Arabs—plus two or three British or American economic experts. — Reuters.

### Holidays In Switzerland

Bern, Feb. 13.

A new Anglo-Swiss financial agreement will allow 200,000 British people to visit Switzerland this year—less than half the number who went last year before pleasure travel to Switzerland was forbidden to save British foreign exchange reserves.

The terms of the agreement announced today made available 116,000 Swiss francs for British tourist travel to Switzerland this year.

Adults will be allowed to take 435 each, with £25 allowed for each child. — Reuters.

### As Soon As Possible

"Our knowledge of the time required for the representative of India to journey to his country is not of such precision that we can specify dates and, indeed, I do not think it would be right for the Council to attempt to legislate this detail."

"It seems to me that we should say to the Indian representative—please take our message to your Government. Tell them we are gravely anxious, ask them for their views and suggestions and, having armed yourself with this information, come back to us as soon as you are able."

Sir Zafarullah Khan, head of the Pakistan delegation, commented to Reuters: "The President made a very wise and statesmanlike announcement, and the view he has taken of the situation should commend itself, not only to the members of the Security Council—as obviously it has done—but to the Indian and Pakistan delegations as well." — Reuters.

## Seven Killed By Tornado

Chicago, Feb. 13.

A tornado has struck Mississippi and an ice storm has swept up the Ohio valley toward the Eastern States. Widespread floods have left thousands of persons homeless as the nation begins its second straight month of severe weather.

The tornado ripped through the rich trucking and dairy district around Newton, Mississippi, accompanied by torrential rain. Red Cross rescue workers said there were at least seven persons known dead and 15 injured "very seriously," as uprooted trees blocked roads and delayed rescue operations.

Rivers and streams in Tennessee, Mississippi, West Virginia and Kentucky surged over their banks, driving more than 3,000 persons from their homes in Tennessee alone. Two Southern Kentucky communities were isolated by the rising waters, which threatened to drive hundreds of families from their homes.

Freezing rain and subnormal temperatures spread a sheet of ice from St. Louis through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and are expected to glaze New York State later.

The industrial fuel situation brightened with the announcement that natural gas in the Detroit area would be resumed on Tuesday, permitting 150,000 persons who have been idle three weeks to return to work. — United Press.

London, Feb. 13.

Yugoslavia has offered Britain substantial quantities of tobacco in a barter arrangement. It is understood that the Board of Trade would allow Yugoslav officials to approach British manufacturers direct and, in case of a satisfactory contract, would grant import licences. — Reuters.

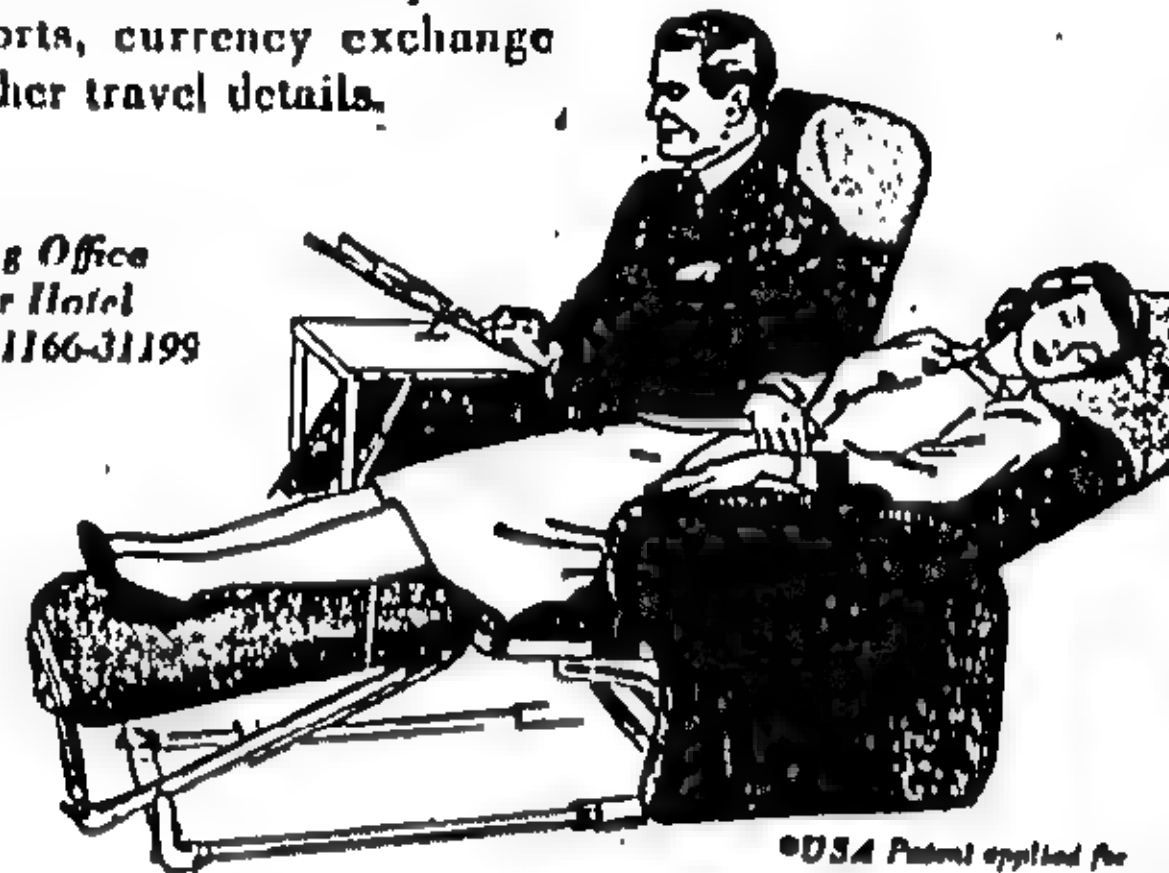
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## THE "KWONG TUNG" INQUIRY

Although little of importance emerged from the inquiry into the "Kwong Tung" disaster, which cost 70 lives, it was not less than had been expected.

Against panic and stampede, there can be no defence and no precaution of substantial value. Here there was far more smoke than fire, but it was sufficient in its effect to nullify the fact that "the means of egress from the vessel as she lay at the wharf were sufficient to meet all reasonable contingencies." In the course of its findings, the Court of Inquiry fully recognised that no arrangement of gangways could possibly cope with circumstances similar to those which developed in this tragic affair.

In this respect, the findings are highly satisfactory. They dispose completely of accusations and suggestions that a disaster of this kind could not occur except under conditions indicating inadequate supervision over vessels operating out of this port, necessary to ensure that the fullest standards of safety are maintained.

The Court does recommend the provision of railings to the gangways at the cargo ports, and that all cargo port doors should be fully open when a vessel is alongside a wharf. These recommendations amount to little more than a refinement of ordinary practice, and have no more direct bearing on background of the "Kwong Tung" disaster than the further recommendation that passage tickets should be purchased only at the offices of the Company or their accredited agents, and not on board.

There is plainly ground for criticism when a vessel can sail, with clearance papers, unable to provide an accurate figure of the number of passengers on board. There was, however, nothing in the evidence to show that the "Kwong Tung" had more people aboard than she was certificated to carry. On the contrary, the total seems to have been in the region of 200 less than her authorised complement.

On no ground, in fact, is there room for censure of the company or the officers of the ship. Indeed, the findings confirm that the fire-fighting equipment was in first-class order and brought to bear on the seat of the fire with commendable promptitude. All otherwise being in order, they emerge from the inquiry with far more credit than blame.

## Coincidence

By curious coincidence, last night's news from Canton brought details of yet another destructive fire aboard a river-steamship, the "Kam Hoi," which burned for more than six hours. Three fires in a fortnight, the "Kwong Tung," the "Shin

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We shall all suffer as a result and it is therefore the duty of everyone to play his or her part in averting the danger.

The Government have taken many steps already to prevent the development of a dangerous inflationary situation. High direct taxation on personal incomes and on distributed profits has curtailed the amount of profits available for spending and has thus helped to check the danger of inflation from personal incomes derived from investments, rents, and profits.

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### v Subsidies

The same restraining influence has been applied to lower earned incomes by the introduction of PAYE tax and by the increase of indirect taxation. This influence has to some extent been counteracted by the continuance of Exchequer subsidies for certain commodities, notably the principal foodstuffs, though it must be noted that the subsidies have helped to keep down the cost of living and so the demand for increased wages.

But if personal incomes are allowed to rise continuously none of these measures against inflation can be effective.

## Wages Control

### v Rising Prices

Moreover, experience has shown that, when it comes to a race between rising prices and personal incomes, prices will always win in the long run, so that conditions become progressively worse for the holders of all personal incomes but, particularly for wage earners.

It is essential, therefore, that there should be no further general increase in the level of personal incomes without at least a corresponding increase in the volume of production.

The Geneva Agreement, which the Government has asked Parliament to approve, is not easy to reconcile with the economic attitude towards Europe which Mr. Bevin was preaching earlier. The Foreign Secretary advocated special ties between

Kong So" and the "Kam Hoi," could easily create suspicion that more than pure coincidence could be involved.

There is, of course, not the slightest evidence that the cause in each case was other than accidental, and there is no reason to speculate—except perhaps upon the truth of the old saying that mishaps usually go in threes.

Our Magistrates

Public opinion has expressed itself clearly and forcibly concerning the case in which Mr. E. J. Wynne-Jones was involved, and not without some justification.

Criticism, however, whatever line it may take, must be reserved for the magistrate. The defendant merely exercised the right of every man to submit the strongest defence possible in his own favour.

Unless we are prepared to check any such tendency we shall find ourselves unable to fulfil our export task owing to the rise in costs, which will also be reflected in rising prices on the home market.

The last hundred years have seen the growth of certain traditional or customary relationships between personal incomes—including wages and salaries—in different occupations. These have no necessary relevance to modern conditions.

The relation which different personal incomes bear to one another must no longer be determined by this historical development of the past, but by the urgent needs of the present.

## Movement Control

### v Stagnation

Relative income levels must be such as to encourage the movement of labour to those industries where it is most needed, and should not, as in some cases they still do tempt it in a contrary direction.

The Government accordingly feel bound to set out the following general considerations as a guide to all those whose deliberations and actions contribute to the settlement of the amount of personal incomes, from whatever source.

(a) It is not desirable for the Government to interfere directly with the income of individuals otherwise than by taxation.

To go further would mean that the Government would be forced themselves to assess and regulate all personal incomes according to some scale which would have to be determined.

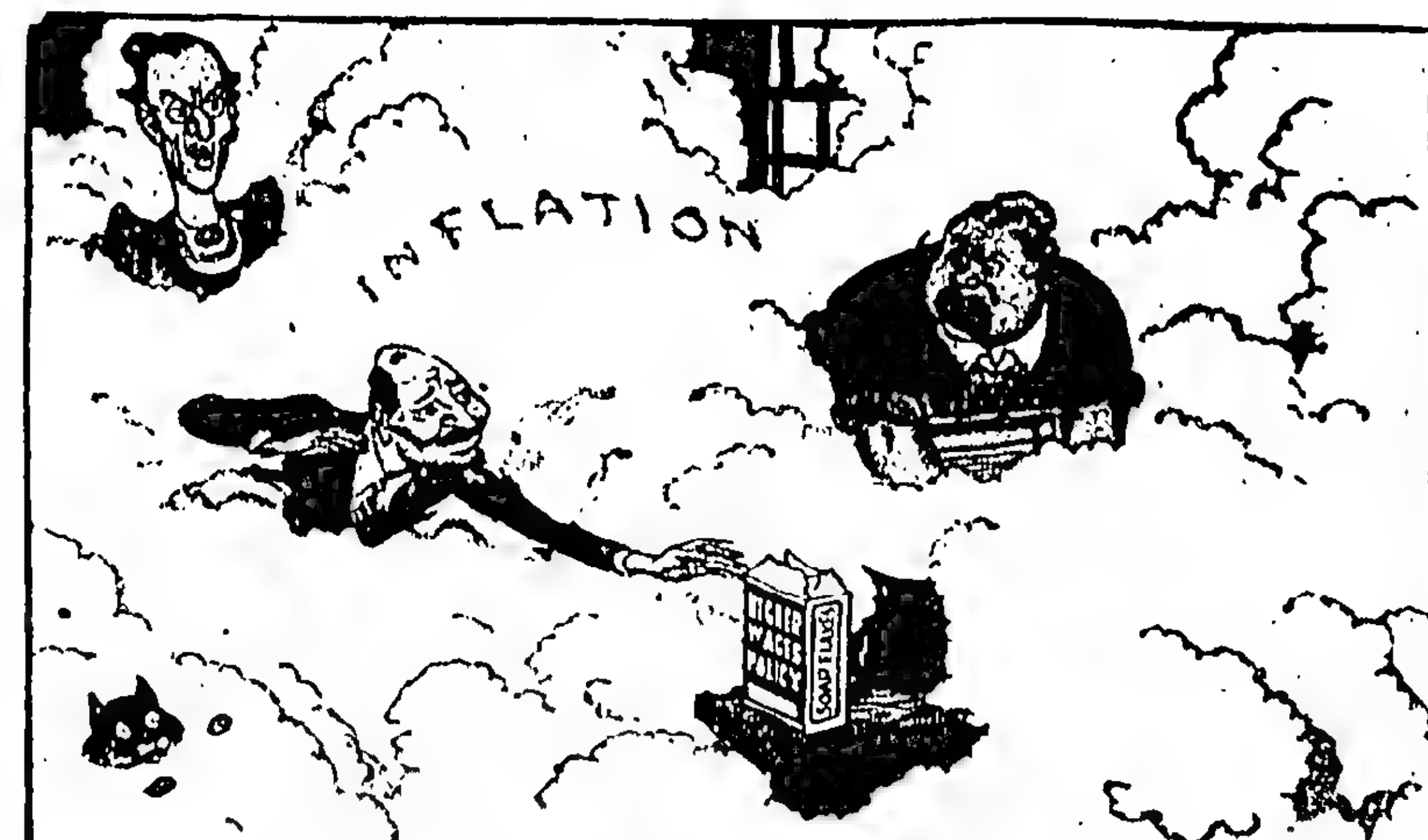
This would be an incursion by the Government into what has hitherto been regarded as a field of free contract between individuals and organisations.

(b) In the view of the Government it is essential that there should be the strictest adherence to the terms of collective agreements.

One of the main advantages of a system of collective bargaining is that it tends to ensure that wages and salary movements take place in an orderly manner and with due regard to the general as distinct from the individual interest.

Departure from the agreed conditions by individual employers, whether public authorities or private concerns, will inevitably constitute a grave danger to the stability of the system of collective bargaining, and may well lead to competitive bargaining, and this to general but unjustified increases in wages and salaries and to serious inflation.

The value of the system of collective bargaining and the justification for its maintenance at the present time rest upon the assumption that the terms of collective agreements will be observed loyally by all employers and



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workers, and the Government cannot stress too highly the importance which they attach to this principle.

(c) In present conditions, and until more goods and services are available for the home market, there is no justification for any general increase of individual money incomes.

Such an increase will merely raise costs of production, without making more goods available, and so can only have an inflationary effect.

Unless accompanied by a substantial increase in production, it would drive up prices and charges, adversely affect pensioners, children and other recipients of social services benefits, increase the money costs of our exports and so reduce their sale-ability, and by Black Market pressure make it almost impossible to operate the controls necessary in view of the continuing scarcity of supplies and man-power.

(d) It does not follow that it would be right to stabilise all incomes as they stand today.

There may well be cases in which increases in wages or salaries would be justified from a national point of view, for example, where it is essential in the national interest to man up a particular undermanned industry and it is clear that only an increase in wages will attract the necessary labour.

It does, however, follow that each claim for an increase in wages or salaries must be considered on its national merits and not on the basis of maintaining a former relativity between different occupations and industries.

It will be observed from these principles that there is no justification at the present time for any rise in incomes from profits, rent, or other like sources, and that rises in wages or salaries should only be asked for and agreed upon in the exceptional cases mentioned above.

On the other hand, if at some future time there should be a marked rise in the cost of living the level of those personal incomes which as a result became inadequate would need reconsideration.

In order to avoid the undesirable necessity for any interference with the existing methods

of free negotiation and contract the Government must press upon all those engaged in negotiations or decisions which might result in an increase in wages or other personal incomes to keep these principles firmly before them, and not to depart from them.

## State Control

### v Private Action

The Government will themselves observe these principles in any negotiations in which they are directly concerned.

In these circumstances the Government have decided and wish it to be clearly understood that if, notwithstanding these considerations, remuneration is increased in any class of employment, whether in private industry or under a public authority, there can be no presumption whatever may have been the practice in the past, that the resulting costs will be taken into account in settling controlled prices,

charges or margins or other financial matters requiring Government action.

## Self Control

### v Black Market

Each case will have to be considered on its merits in relation to the principles enunciated above. To sum up, if general increases in profits, salaries or wages take place without more goods being made available, no one can obtain any real benefit except the Black Market operator the rest of the community has to endure the dislocation and hardship which inevitably accompany inflation.

The alternatives now before us are therefore either a general agreement by the people to act together upon sound and public spirited lines or a serious and prolonged set-back in our economic reconstruction accompanied by a persistent low standard of living.

## The Franc Has A New Look

The character in the crowd outside the Scribner Hotel slips his hands from the pockets of his camel-hair coat and says, with the detachment of a ventriloquist, "Ullo! Any pound notes?"

He says it "pundnote" because his accent comes straight from the Bukovina district of Rumania, and you notice that half his teeth are gold and the rest steel. If you pause to add rapidly, "Dollars good today, I sell you half-point fountain pen?"

This morning as I passed, he had a new racket. The ring on his finger carried a ruby as big as a waistcoat button. "Mebbe you got 5,000 franc notes? I give you good price. Two thousand francs each, yes?"

It is a sobering reflection that out of the Government crisis the devaluation, the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps and the huddles of exports, the man with the steel and gold teeth has emerged as the supremely unbedevilled personality.

The uprush of events which has made the birth of the New Look franc front page news across Europe for the last two weeks has left France's average man more uncertain than before where he is going.

"It is," says Monsieur Francisque Clemenceau Duval, who is a semi-mad philosopher, "like going to a new barber. The salon may look all right. You suppose the barber knows his job. But until he's through you don't know what the result is going to be. And then, whether you like it or not—tu l'as ou, mon vieux—you've had it."

The ordinary Frenchman does not comprehend the tortuous talk of cross rates, free markets and inflationary pressures which have accompanied the devaluation of the franc.

Seeing only the gross outline of the plan which cuts the value of the franc to half of what it was in terms of dollars and sterling, he has one besetting fear—he fears that it is going to give one more upward twist to the price spiral. "And that," he says, "we just can't stand."

## Academic Arguments

Eventually the fears of most ordinary Frenchmen nowadays come down to this. And somehow, when his Government and maybe his friends tell him the devaluation is going to attract more tourists open new markets for French exports, these arguments sound a bit too academically out of touch with everyday life and the cost of a kilo of onions.

He remembers the time when ten good French francs would buy him a whole meal with wine. He sees that Paris underground fares are probably going up now to ten francs apiece. And he shakes his head and says, "Ah! Ça commence"—it's beginning.

Because the central fact in all this is that the Frenchman has lost confidence in his money, in his Government, even in the honesty of the people. It is partly to restore this confidence that Finance Minister Rene Mayer has launched his plan of which devaluation is a part; though unfortunately the Bill withdrawing all the five thousand franc notes and closing the banks hasn't helped.

It Might Work...

Lack of confidence has grimly become a part of everyday living in France. But the ordinary Frenchman didn't want it to cross the Channel and settle like some deadly psychological Colorado beetle, on England.

Whether the French Government's precautions to prevent its plan harming the pound are going to work nobody yet knows. But today, just a week after the Paris talks failed, it begins to look as though British apprehensions are justified.

## TRYING TO MOVE BACKWARDS

### By Scrutator

Great Britain and her European neighbours. The Geneva Agreement discourages special economic ties. It upholds the ideal of a return to old-fashioned multilateral trade, such as prevailed in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Is this an ideal which can conceivably be realised? And if not, ought we to let it distract us from the solid gains to be had from bilateralism?

The Opposition amendment moved by Mr. Lytton said "No" to each of these questions. And every speaker from the Labour Party except the two Ministers said "No" also. Apart from the doctrinaire Liberal approval of Mr. Clement Davies and the much weightier but more qualified support of Sir Arthur Salter, the Government had not an articulate friend. Nor is it surprising. The Geneva Agreement reflects the same thoughts as rendered nugatory the American Loan by inspiring those convertibility and anti-discrimination clauses which caused the Loan to break down. With the Loan's lesson so recent, why put our heads back in the same noose?

It may be rejoined: "But why should we not prosper again under a multilateral trade system, as we did in the good old days?" The answer is because the causes which made it succeed there are no longer present. What were they? First and foremost the fact that the world's greatest exporting and creditor nation—at that time Great Britain—had no tariff, and was always ready and willing to take payment in goods

from all and sundry. Secondly, the gold standard was managed and controlled by the Bank of England on the principle that gold as a measure of wealth rather than wealth itself, and should be employed to facilitate payments in goods and services, not to become a substitute for them.

## The Dollar Famine

Contrast the situation since 1919. The greatest exporting and creditor nation—the United States—has one of the highest tariffs in the world. She pushes her export sales with the utmost vigour, and repels with almost equal energy all imports except raw materials and a few highly priced luxury goods. The resulting disequilibrium between her sales and her purchases for the current year has been computed at three billion dollars. But this is only the culmination of a process which has been going on in every peace year since the first world war, and in the course of which the greater part of the world's gold has been sucked across the Atlantic and there sterilised.

In this situation, with so many countries (including the Dominions) each requiring American goods but each unable to pay for them, it is difficult to see any way out but that they should develop alternative sources of supply. They could never do that adequately if each alone tried to do it all; but they can do it if they combine, and by mutual aid and mutual trade obtain in some measure the advantage of pooled resources.

The means to that end—the means which must figure, for

instance, in any effective economic organisation of Europe—include tariff preferences, bulk purchases, barter agreements. But, unfortunately, these are the very policies upon which the Geneva Agreement frowns.

If it be asked how such positions can be related to the Marshall Plan, the answer seems tolerably plain. Prestige into Communism; and, dent Truman, Mr. Marshall, Senator Vandenberg and the rest of the Plan's sponsors are taking a wider view than governed the Geneva discussion.

## Empire Preference

Of course, there is another, and to some extent alternative, way in which the United States could greatly relieve the whole world situation. It would be by eliminating, or, anyhow, drastically lowering, her present prohibitive tariff. Her exports to Europe could then be balanced by imports from Europe; and it is a safe prophecy that the growth in both would be sensational. But that is a change so difficult under the conditions of American politics that we should be most unwise to indulge any hope of it. Talk of modifying tariffs in a downward sense recurs at Washington. But the usual aim is to find changes which look well and have little effect.

On our side it is difficult to think that our concessions regarding preferences, following those made in connection with the Loan, are so devoid of significance for the Commonwealth and Empire as Mr. Harold Wilson suggested. Preference should be a particularly important instrument in our development of Africa; and upon that our whole economic future may well ultimately depend.



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## THE RENAISSANCE OF ISLAM?

### Turkey's Place In The Middle East Cauldron

BY  
EDWARD  
HOWE

One of the results of World War II might well be the renaissance of Islam. The appearance of Pakistan on the map of the world has set Moslem countries thinking of their 200,000,000 brothers—one-ninth of the world's population. Not least among these are the Turks.

Turkey by accepting the helping hand of the United States has set a lead in the Moslem world. She has become the testing ground of America in the Near East. One must not forget that it was Turkey that campaigned for the Moslem faith and by her tireless energy and militant crusades contained a quarter of the world's Moslems and invaded Europe converting many Christians to Islam.

The chief preoccupation of present day Turkey is now to combat communism. Her fervent wish is to build a barrier that will prevent the spread of this modern eastern invasion. Turkey is willing to expend as much energy and devotion to this task as earlier in her history she devoted to extending her frontiers. In this task she now has the help and blessing of America. Islam at heart is opposed to communist principles and from this natural recruiting fund, Turkey would like to see a world-wide anti-communist Moslem bloc founded.

Elements of self preservation contribute to this point of view. Russian threats to Turkey's independence are well known and consequently Turkey looks hopefully to any solution that will give her more security. Embryonic overtures to forge a defence bloc have been made. These have been little more than soundings and nothing so far has materialised.

Last February President Inonu sent as his personal representative to Cairo former General, Ali Fuat Cebesoy, who is well-known as an adherent of some form of Middle East bloc. In January of this year King Abdullah of Trans-jordan came to Turkey and an agreement between the two countries was reached. This followed a similar exchange made between Turkey and Iraq.

The breakdown of the Ottoman Empire and the removal of the Turkish overlordship in the Middle East severed

At right: — This picture, just received by air from Palestine, shows General Abdul Khader Bey el Husseini (standing foreground, third from left), chief of the Palestine Arab Volunteers, with a group of his men at Nablus before they commenced operations against a Jewish convoy and installations. Standing, second from left, is Kemal effend Arikat, head of Arab recruiting in Palestine.



a relationship which some of the countries concerned would like to see re-established on a new cultural, economic and even military basis should their national independence not be questioned.

Turkey on her side realises that the old dream of a Balkan Entente is now no longer possible and so she is turning more towards a Middle East or Eastern Mediterranean bloc. The well-known jealousies and family feuds that exist among Arab leaders is a big stumbling block that often prevents a quick settlement of Middle East problems. Whether the Palestine Partition Plan will unite them remains to be seen. Turkey, by the fact that she is non Arab could play an important part as mediator—the Palestine problem excluded, for she does not want to be mixed up in that. On the other hand there is, of course, an Arab suspicion that Turkey might seek to revive her old position in the Ottoman Empire. There are some Egyptians for example

who look upon the Turks with suspicion.

It can be safely said that Turkey has effectively buried with the Sultans all her Ottoman empirical aspirations. Apart from this there is another point of view which might detract Turkey from entering into too binding Middle East obligations. This is Turkey's fervent attachment to the west. She would not want to lose any western advantages that might be going by a too close attachment to the East.

But should, however, a world-wide

Moslem association of peoples be built up then this has different conceptions. It is interesting to note in this connection the visit to Turkey recently of Sir Firouz Khan Noon, the special representative of Pakistan. His object was to bring Turkey close to Pakistan and he made flattering remarks regarding Turkey's place in the Moslem world. Diplomatic relations are being begun between the two countries. Will this see the beginning of a new Moslem era in the world?

## QUENNELL ON BOOKS

I cannot believe that Frederic Prokosh, whose new novel, "The Idols of the Cave," has just been published is ever likely to feel a particularly deep concern with any of his personages.

His book is readable and exciting enough. We are told the story of Jonathan Ely, a young and intelligent American who returns to New York, after a long absence abroad, during the year 1941. He is immediately plunged into a fast and fashionable world.

The narrative is full of satirical thumbnail sketches, usually malicious and frequently repetitious. For example, we meet an English peeress of American extraction—"small . . . brittle . . . like an exquisitely coiffed marionette" whose "arms and legs moved in delicate jerks . . ." And soon we are introduced to an effeminate Indian prince whose "arms and legs moved like an insect's—in rigid, desultory spasms."

Apart from Jonathan, who is a serious and moody chap, and a charming girl, married to his cousin, who, having been seduced by his fascinating friend Pierre, leaps wildly from a window, almost all the characters introduced are equally frivolous and foolish.

As for Jonathan, he becomes miserably entangled with a perfectly beastly little ballet-girl who couldn't have been faithful to him if she had tried.

Does any of this matter to us a row of pins? Does one's own existence or the fate of humanity seem for a single second to be involved in the tale of Jonathan's misadventures or the ballet-dancer's misdeeds? My answer is: a regretful negative.

"The Idols of the Cave" makes, as a whole, extremely easy reading. But even when one has reached the last page the problem of Jonathan's past and future continues to strike one as completely unimportant.

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## Talking about Films

### Child As Father To The Man By FRED MAJDALANY

I am one of those who have grumbled more than once at the cheerless subjects of so many recent English pictures.

Many readers have written to say that while they appreciate the merits of such items as "Master of Bankdam" and "Mine Own Executioner" they emerge from them in a state of respectful gloom which may last for several days. Couldn't they be encouraged to laugh occasionally?

It seems only fair, therefore, to begin these notes on "Vice Versa" by stating roundly that here, for once, is that Pine-wood rarity, a Funny Film. A Victorian comedy that is very English in theme and treatment.

It is based on F. Anstey's novel of the same name, which was written 66 years ago and appears to have been read early in life by practically everyone except myself.

The story is a natural one for screen purposes.

With the aid of an Indian charm a "heavy" father and his schoolboy son are transformed into the physical likeness of each other, yet retain their own mental characteristics.

Thus, to Dr. Grimstone's preparatory school there returns a schoolboy bristling with Victorian parental platitudes, a distaste for small boys, a preference for the "Financial Times," and a passion for cigars.

Back in London is to be found a paternal oddity, seemingly out of his mind, who is devoted to lollipops, personal untidiness, "Oranges and Lemons," and simple familiarity with the maid.

You can guess how this situation might develop, and Peter Ustinov, who adapted the story and directed the picture, has kept it on a note of extravagant burlesque.

There are a good many funny scenes—one remembers a splendid and monstrous football game.

And a number of less funny scenes which seem to need the assistance of one of Noel Coward's musical quartets in the manner of "The Stately Homes of England."

In fact, towards the end one begins to find the joke wearing a little thin.

The comic-paper Englishman of 50 years ago isn't as funny as all that, you find yourself thinking. And practically all of Mr. Ustinov's fun-making is centred on this same joke.

I make this observation not to take away with my left hand what I have just given this picture with my right, but because it points a general weakness of English screen comedy—the tendency to translate into films semi-precious humours which really belong to the more limited atmosphere of the West End theatre.

#### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. (a) Joseph Benjamin Chifley (b) Albert Frederick Arthur George of Windsor (c) Vyacheslav Molotov (d) Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill (e) John Masfield.

2. Scotland Yard.

3. Rr. Admiral R. E. Byrd, U.S.N., flew over the Antarctic on November 29, 1929.

4. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson. (1832-1895).

5. In 1870 the remaining six states which had formed the Papal States broke away, and the territory of the Papacy was confined to the palaces of the Vatican and surrounds, until on February 11, 1929, the Vatican was recreated with given full and independent sovereignty.

The acting is excellent. Master Anthony Newley's mimicry of grown-up pomp is only equalled by Roger Livesey's assumption of gleeful childhood, and there are neat contributions from Robert Eddison, James Robertson Justice, and Patricia Raine.

There are more ways than one in which an attachment may develop between an elderly man and a young girl, and the one nobody seems to mind is the sentimental one.

This is the kind to be found in "Indian Summer" which is concerned with a patient reconstruction of a Boston marriage which is breaking up in the familiar celluloid conflict between social wife and simple husband.

As regular patrons of the cinema know, American husbands who rebel against this state of affairs invariably run away to seek simple happiness in either a gasoline station or a cafe. In the present case it is the latter that Judge Bailey (Alexander Knox) chooses, and his boss is the young and pretty Ann Sothorn, who gives him a job as cook.

He comes, he cooks, he conquers. Months later (and it seems like it) he returns to Boston and makes it up with his chastened missis, and Miss Sothorn agrees to renounce him without even making a scene.

"Personal Column" is one of those films about which you can remember practically nothing five minutes after they are over.

With the aid of my notebook I discover that the attractive Lucille Ball is unexpectedly assisting Scotland Yard to solve a lot of murders which at one point appear to have been committed by George Sanders.

A waste of the brilliant Miss Ball.

#### LOVELY, BUT NOT KARENINA

So much talent, taste, toil, and trouble went into the making of "Anna Karenina" that it is a pity to have to record that it turns out to be a magnificent, beautiful bore.

Tolstoy's novel and Korda's film have little in common except the plot. And the plot is not what matters about "Anna Karenina."

The novel is, above everything, a monumental study of a woman in love—possibly the greatest ever written.

The film is an elegant costume drama about a woman who leaves a priggish husband for a handsome army officer, is ostracised by society, and kills herself when her lover shows signs of restlessness.

There is much that is good in it. The brilliant direction of Julien Duvivier and the photography of Henri Alekan. Between them, these Frenchmen have made a film that is always lovely to look at.

In particular one recalls the scenes at the railway stations: an enchanting interlude in Venice; a brief long shot of two tiny figures against a pair of tall, shimmering Carol-like trees—a moment of sheer beauty just wantonly thrown in, it seems, for beauty's sake. And, of course, the pictorial perfection of Vivien Leigh.

There is an excellent performance by Ralph Richardson. Sir Ralph brings off the difficult feat of arousing genuine sympathy for the suffering of the devoted husband without softening up on his odious qualities—smugness, self-righteousness, narrow-mindedness.

But in the end the film must depend entirely on the personality of the actress playing Anna. And Vivien Leigh's

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combination of animated porcelain and civilised spitfire, while admirable for Scarlett O'Hara, does not fill out to the mature, all-womanly, universal character of Anna.

In the book Anna passes from young married woman to a disillusioned middle-age, and during that time alternately ripples and thunders up and down the key board of passion, striking every chord, discord, harmony, rhythm, occasional tiff between a spoiled, and variation of womanliness.

All that emerges in the film is an petulant young beauty and the boring, average boulder, (Kieron Moore) who is her lover.

Even in the closing scenes, when Anna's tragedy swells to a cosmic grandeur, Miss Leigh walks through the snow to dive under the train as if she were not sorry to get the whole thing over and done with.

#### Current Shows

King's—"Easy to Wed."—Van Johnson and shapely Esther Williams.

Queen's—"Captain Eddie."—The story of Rickenbacker, with Fred MacMurray in the title role.

Alhambra—"Escape in the Desert."—Jean Sullivan and Philip Dorn.

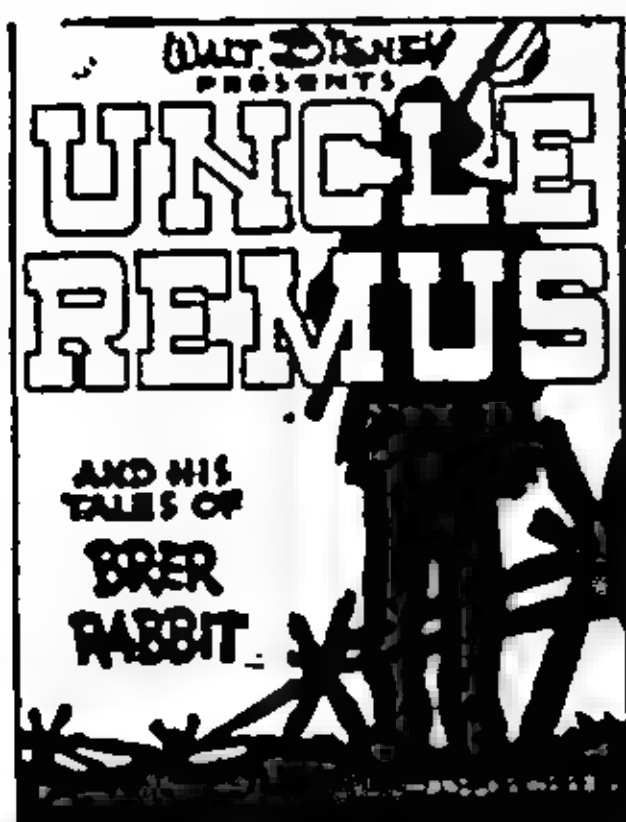
Cathay—"Dixie."—Bing Crosby teamed with Dorothy Lamour.

Central—"Captain America."—A 15-episode serial based upon the well-known comic strip.

Lee Theatre—"Night and Day."—Cary Grant and Alexis Smith.

Majestic—"Cover Girl."—Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly.





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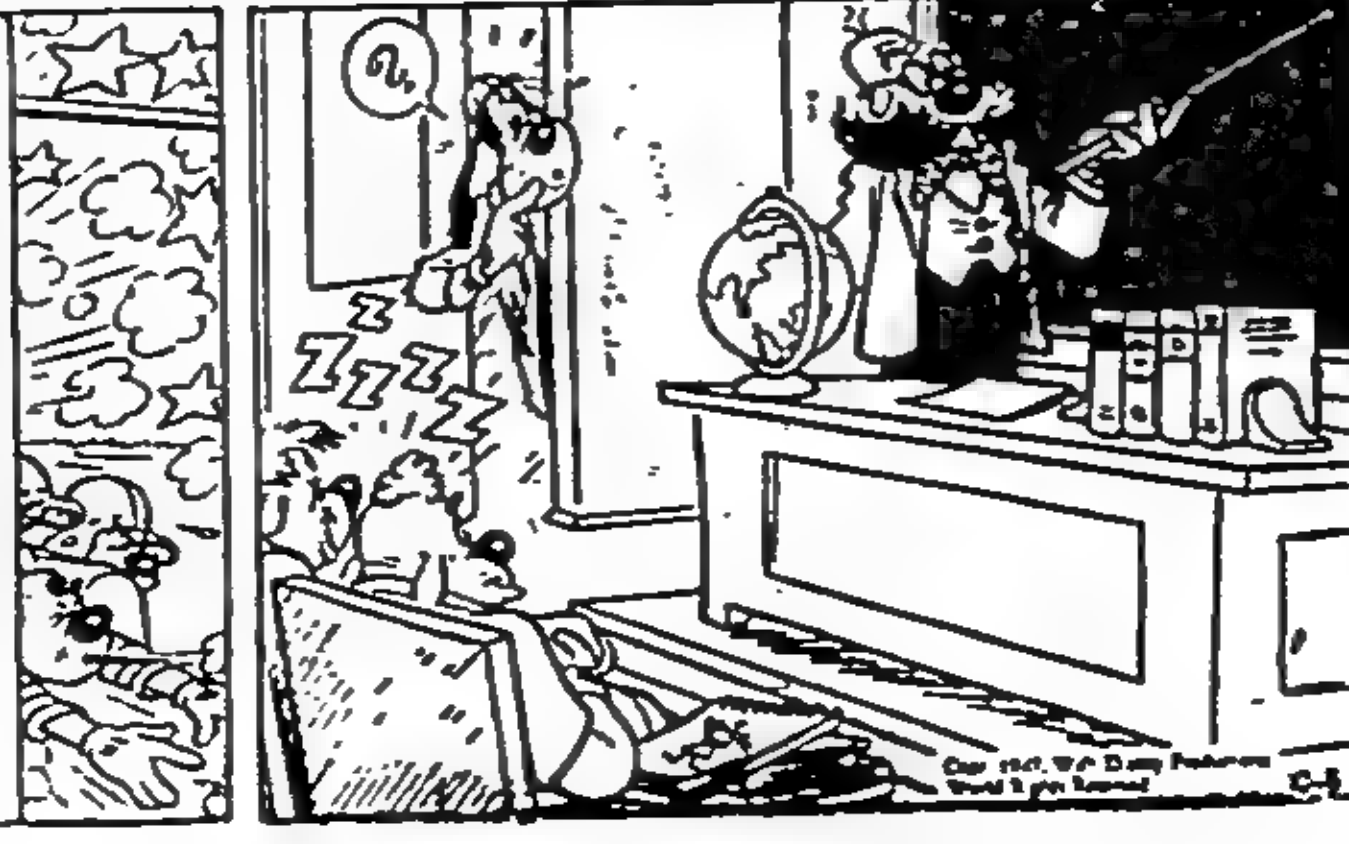
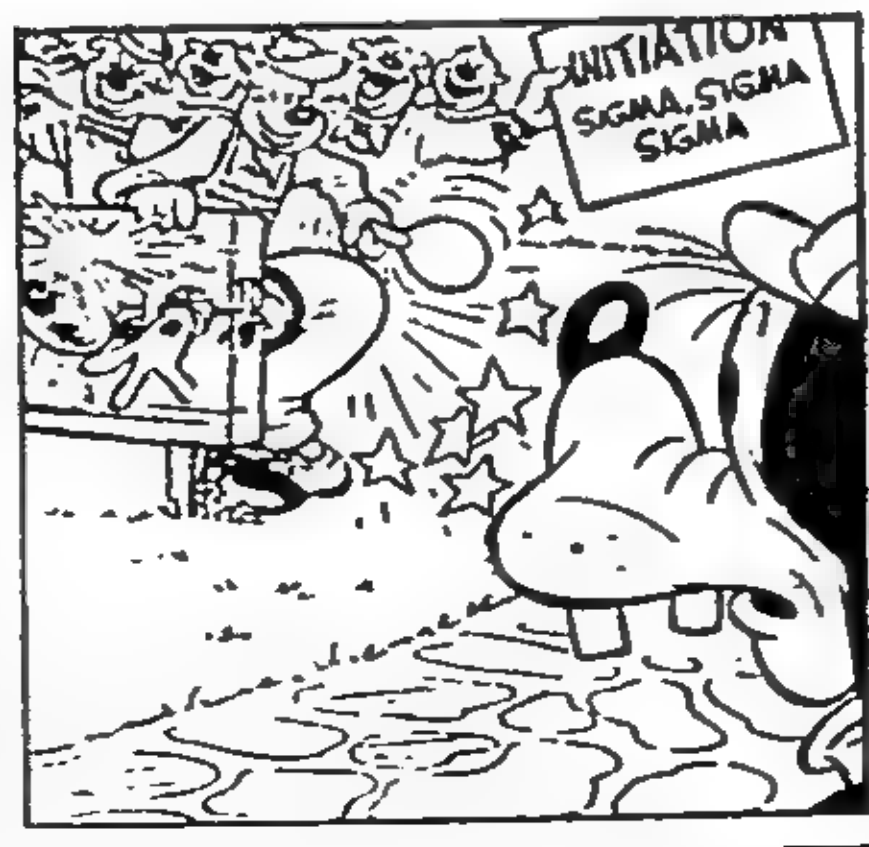
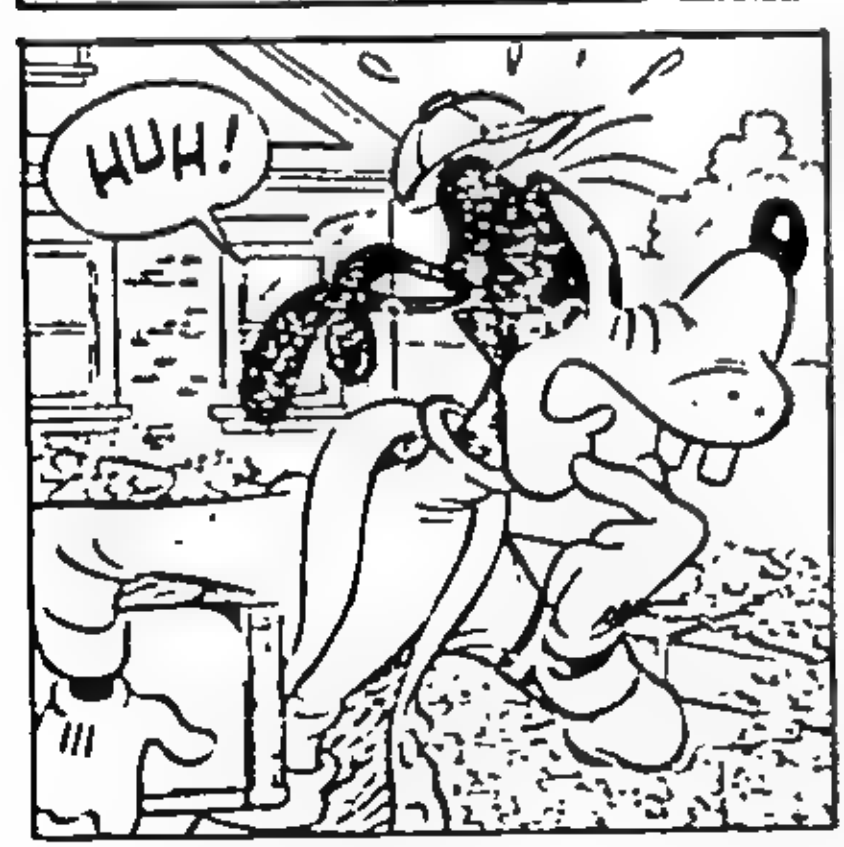
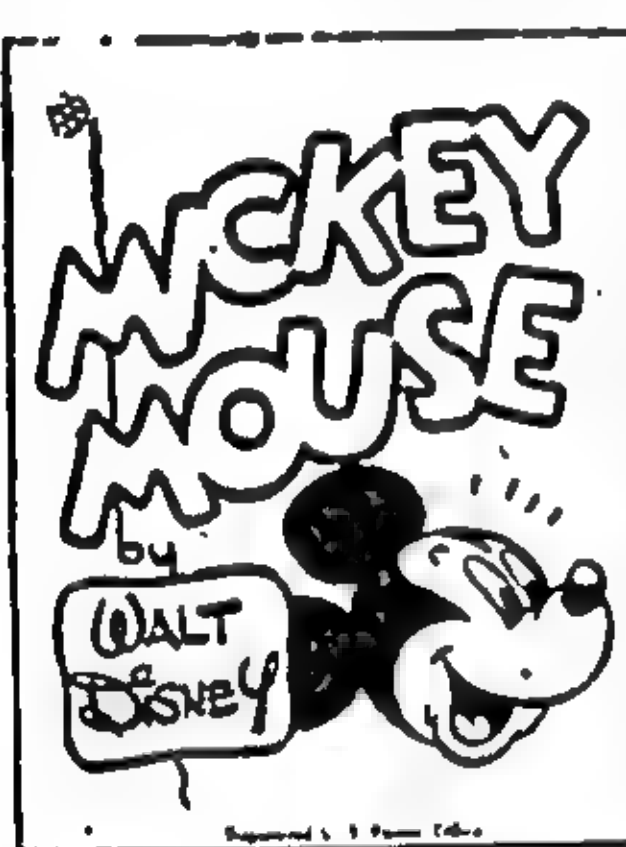


# MERRY MOMENTS:

William: Why have you taken the lock off the cupboard?  
Bill: The doctor told me to stop bolting my food.

Patient (coming out of anaesthetic): "Why are all the blinds drawn, doctor?"  
Doctor: "Well, there's a fire across the alley, and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure."

Parachute Instructor (to his pupils): And if the chute doesn't open, gentlemen, that's what is known as jumping to a conclusion.





# Our Serial Story THREE FOR LUCK

MAJOR MIKE SULLIVAN, ex-police-man who became a paratroop hero, has met

ARTHUR MAYO, millionaire race-racehorse owner, whose horse, HAPPY MUNSTERMAN, is favourite for the Guineas and the Derby. Attempts have been made to kill the horse, one of them foiled by Mike and

MOIRA MAYO, the millionaire's beautiful daughter. Mike suspects DIAMOND HOTCHKISS, race gang leader, and his right-hand man, TURKEY REDDIN, former all-in wrestler. While Mike and Moira are away in Newmarket Mayo is kidnapped in Liverpool. In a raid on a house where he was held Mike captures Reddin and hands him to the police. He tells Hotchkiss that if any harm comes to Mayo Reddin will be charged with murder and will "squeal."

Mike felt a wave of bitter anger against Hotchkiss' flood through his body as he looked at her sad face. He sat down beside her and gently took her hand in his.

"You must be brave, Moira," he said. "I promise you that we shall get your father safely back to you—don't you believe me, my dear?"

"I believe you, Mike. But—it's very hard to believe sometimes."

"You must. Remember, we hold some trump cards. They dare not harm your father while we hold Turkey Reddin. He was in charge of the kidnapping. They dare not risk him squealing—which he certainly would do if he were to be charged with murder. So as long as Reddin is in our hands, your father's life is safe. Anyway, they don't want to kill him. That won't stop Happy Munsterman running in the Derby. The death of the owner no longer automatically leads to a horse being scratched. By the way, who has authority to act for your father in his absence, as far as his racing interests are concerned?"

"Harry Fortescue and I have written authority."

## On Guard

"That means I've got to watch you very carefully. Hotchkiss probably knows this. So we mustn't let him try anything else with you as the victim."

"I feel quite safe, Mike, with you around," replied Moira with a wan smile. "I shouldn't be worrying so much about Daddy if you were with him."

"I hope I shall be very near to him by this time tomorrow. Now you must get to bed. You've had a gruelling two days, and you must get some sleep. We've got a long journey tomorrow. I've reason to think that the Diamond Gang have taken your father to the Brighton district, which is one of their old hide-outs. That phone call came from Brighton. So I want to get off there in the morning, with a call at Newmarket on the way."

"I think I shall feel better after a sleep, Mike. I'm sorry that I have been behaving badly. Tears aren't going to help us, I know."

"Lock your door and window," warned Mike. "If you hear anything unusual, phone me at once. I shall be in the next room—it will only take me a matter of seconds to be with you."

He did not undress that night, but lay with his clothes on and his revolver beside him. His years of hard Army training and his experience in the Burma jungle had made his ears as sensitive as a cat's.

But the night passed off without further incident.

## A Bookmaker

In the morning he phoned Liverpool police headquarters, but was told that Inspector Satterthwaite was on his way round to see him already. Tom arrived a few minutes later.

## By TRAVERS HUTCHIN

"That fellow Reddin comes up in court this morning," he told Mike gloomily.

"You've held him for the theft of the Rolls-Royce. Say that you wish a remand in custody for a week as further charges are pending. For heaven's sake don't let news of the kidnapping of Arthur Mayo leak out yet—it will do no good and will only cause us embarrassment. Anyway, I don't want any hint of it until after today's call over on the Guineas and the Derby. These crooks expect to make some money on that if Munsterman's price goes out to longer odds on rumours that he may not run."

Tom Satterthwaite looked even more dubious at this, but finally agreed to Mike's suggestion.

"I've got a bit of news for you," he added. "That elderly chap who was with Hotchkiss last night is William Ivanoff, a very superior kind of bookmaker who only deals with other bookies who want to lay-off their commitments. He doesn't touch ordinary bets—only laying-off money. I asked a bookies friend about him, and he said that Ivanoff's firm was always considered very sound. But he's got a huge number of bets on Happy Munsterman. In fact, he's the only layer at the moment who seems really glad to take money on the horse. The others are very cagey, but Ivanoff will accept bets freely on the horse."

Mike got one other piece of information from Satterthwaite—that Ivanoff had an office in London and another in Brighton, and that he lived in the latter town. All clues seemed to lead to Brighton.

It was early afternoon when Moira and Mike drove once again into the gates of Appleton Lodge at Newmarket. Harry Fortescue, Mayo's trainer, was out in the stables, and when they went round, they found him in conversation with a little man who was obviously a jockey.

## The Gossip

"This is Teddy Royal, who is riding Happy Munsterman in the Guineas next week—and in the Derby, too, we hope," Fortescue said in an introduction of his companion. "He's just told me a funny thing. He says that there is a strong rumour that Munsterman is going to be scratched. Says there's some talk of Mr. Mayo being missing. I've told him it's all nonsense."

"Of course it's nonsense," replied Moira indignantly. "The horse will certainly run."

"Well, it's only what I've heard, Miss Mayo," said Royal, defensively.

"And where did you hear it?" asked Mike.

"Oh, just around and about. A lot of people are talking about it."

Mike did not pursue the subject. He wanted to get Fortescue alone. Soon the jockey left, and Mike and Moira went into the house with the trainer.

"It's true that Mr. Mayo is missing," said Mike abruptly. "He has been kidnapped by the Diamond Gang in an attempt to make him scratch Munsterman. I can't understand how the rumour has got out so quickly, though."

Fortescue's face was a mixture of shocked surprise and plain disbelief.

"It's true, Harry," added Moira. "But Munsterman won't be scratched whatever happens. You and I have power to act for my father. I want you to promise me that on no account whatever will you scratch Munsterman. I know my father would not wish the millions who have faith in the horse to lose their money. So promise me that."

"Of course I won't scratch him, Miss Mayo. Not unless I'm told to do so, anyway."

"But you might—if anything happened to me like what has happened to Daddy. That's why I want a definite promise. Even if they try to kidnap me, too, Munsterman must run."

"I promise," said Harry Fortescue, holding out his hand. "You're a game one. I won't let you down."

"Anyway, Moira isn't going to be kidnapped," said Mike. "I'm leaving her in your charge while I go on to Brighton, where I believe the gang may have taken Mr. Mayo. So it's up to you to look after her. You've got two problem children, now—Happy Munsterman and Moira Mayo. Neither of them must become a further victim of the Diamond Gang. If you have a revolver, take my advice and get it loaded pronto. Because you may need to use it before this business is over."

"I will—and God help the man who tries to hurt either of them, Sullivan. I'm not standing any nonsense at Appleton Lodge. Now I'm going to get you a drink and some sandwiches if you are going on to Brighton. You'll need something in your stomach."

When he had bustled out of the room, his cheerful face now grave with worry, Moira turned to Mike.

"I wish—I could come with you, Mike," she said. "I could help you, I'm sure. Even if I only drive the car, it would be something to keep my mind occupied. Can't I come?"

"I'm afraid not. To be brutally frank—you would be in the way in the kind of work that is ahead of me. I want to be completely free of responsibilities, Moira. And I should not feel that way if you were with me."

She did not press the point. But as he drove away in her Bentley, she waved to him from the steps and he was sorry that she was not coming with him after all. He suddenly felt very lonely without her beside him.

Perhaps it was this feeling that made him stop and offer a lift to the little man with the bag he found waiting at a bus stop not far from Appleton Lodge. The offer was accepted with alacrity. The stranger explained that he was late already for a train to London which he wanted to catch very urgently.

Mike said that he was going through London, and offered the other a lift all the way if he cared to have it.

"That would be a help," said the little man. "I'll save the fare. I've been having a bad time lately, and even the fare from Newmarket to London is worth saving nowadays. Wasn't always like that, but that's the way of luck, isn't it?"

Mike agreed that it was. The other said that his name was Tommy Compact. "Funny name for a jockey, isn't it?" he rattled on. "Compact by name, compact by nature. I've been riding in Australia; came home because I wanted to get back to Ireland, where my old mother is. Things weren't too good out there, but I was just beginning to get settled when the old girl wrote to say she was missing me. I ought to have brought her out to Australia, but I came home instead. Now I can't get much work here. Nobody knows me—though I was riding top-rank horses in Australia. It's all the luck of the game—and I could not have the old lady unhappy, could I?"

Once again Mike agreed with his companion. Indeed, for the rest of the journey Tommy Compact did most of the talking, pausing only for Mike to agree with his remarks.

But, in spite of his loquacity, the little man was such a likeable character that Mike felt that he would like to help him, and when he finally put him down in London, he took his address and promised to forward it to Harry Fortescue, in case the latter could find him any work.

"I've been over to Ireland once since I came back," the jockey explained pathetically. "But I can't go back to see the old lady again until I get some rides. So if you can help me—well, you'll be helping her, you see."

## Turkey Run

The rest of the journey to Brighton Mike was alone in the car. It was dusk as he drove up to the Clipper Hotel, where he had booked a room by phone from Appleton Lodge. He noticed an unusual deference on the part of the hall porter, and smiled.

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sardonically as he realised that never before in his life had he arrived at an hotel in so expensive a motor-car as the car of Moira's which he was driving. There was something to be said for wearing borrowed plumage. He decided to take advantage of it, and got into conversation with the porter.

"I haven't been here for many years," he said. "It's nice to be back in Brighton again. I suppose you still have the races here?"

"We do indeed, sir. Same as ever."

"Same old race gangs, I suppose?"

"I'm afraid so, though they don't make such a nuisance of themselves now. Most of them were more interested in Black Market rackets during the war, you see. But they're still about, I hear."

"It used to amuse me to go down to the dirty little pubs they frequented before the war—just to watch them, you know."

Mike did not explain that he went in the role of a policeman.

**MORE NEXT WEEK**



## Here Is The Letter That Won Two Dollars This Week

### "What Do You Think?"

From the entries sent in answering last week's question most of you seem to be in favour of doing homework. It certainly does help you with the practical side of your work, and I am very glad that you realise it is so.

I think that Frederick Cox sent in the best entry explaining why homework is helpful to some and not to others. Frederick is 14, and lives in Kennedy Road, Hong Kong. He says:

"When a teacher explains a hard subject, the pupils very often do not understand. The teacher has to explain again, and it takes a long time. Then the homework is given."

"One type of pupil will go home and sweat over the homework until they find the missing link. To these, homework is helpful."

"The other type of pupil goes home and just throws his book into a corner. The next day he goes to school, copies the answers, and remains as dumb as before. To these, homework is not helpful."

But that's their own fault, don't you think? As Frederick Cox points out so well, it is all depends on yourself. If you really want to learn, then homework will help you.

## World Spotlight:

### THIS DOG HAS NO BARK

Meet the Basenji dog. He comes from the Belgian Congo in the heart of Darkest Africa, where he is the household pet of thousands. His name means simply "native." It was given to him by the white men.

Here in the equatorial jungle where I live, within a few miles of the mighty, majestic Congo, the little Basenji is to the primitive native what your pedigreed aristocrat or lovable mongrel is to people in Britain. In his native haunts he has no special shape or colour. Small and smooth-haired, he has, however, one very special characteristic. He cannot talk.

Imagine it. A dog that cannot bark where hundreds of other animals, from elephants and monkeys to frogs and crickets, shatter the popular illusion of the silence of the jungle.

Yet he is a cheerful and faithful little fellow. Every day I see dozens of his kind in the villages I visit. He goes out hunting with his master. He plays amongst the mud huts and the naked, black children. But always in silence. (From A. D. Read Wilson, Belgian Congo.)

## AT MY TYPEWRITER...



Today we are publishing the names sent in for the Children's Club. Fill in the voting slip and let us know the one you like best.

You have all been very good about marking your entries "All my own work," even in the competitions. Keep it up, and remember that we are always glad to see your contributions.

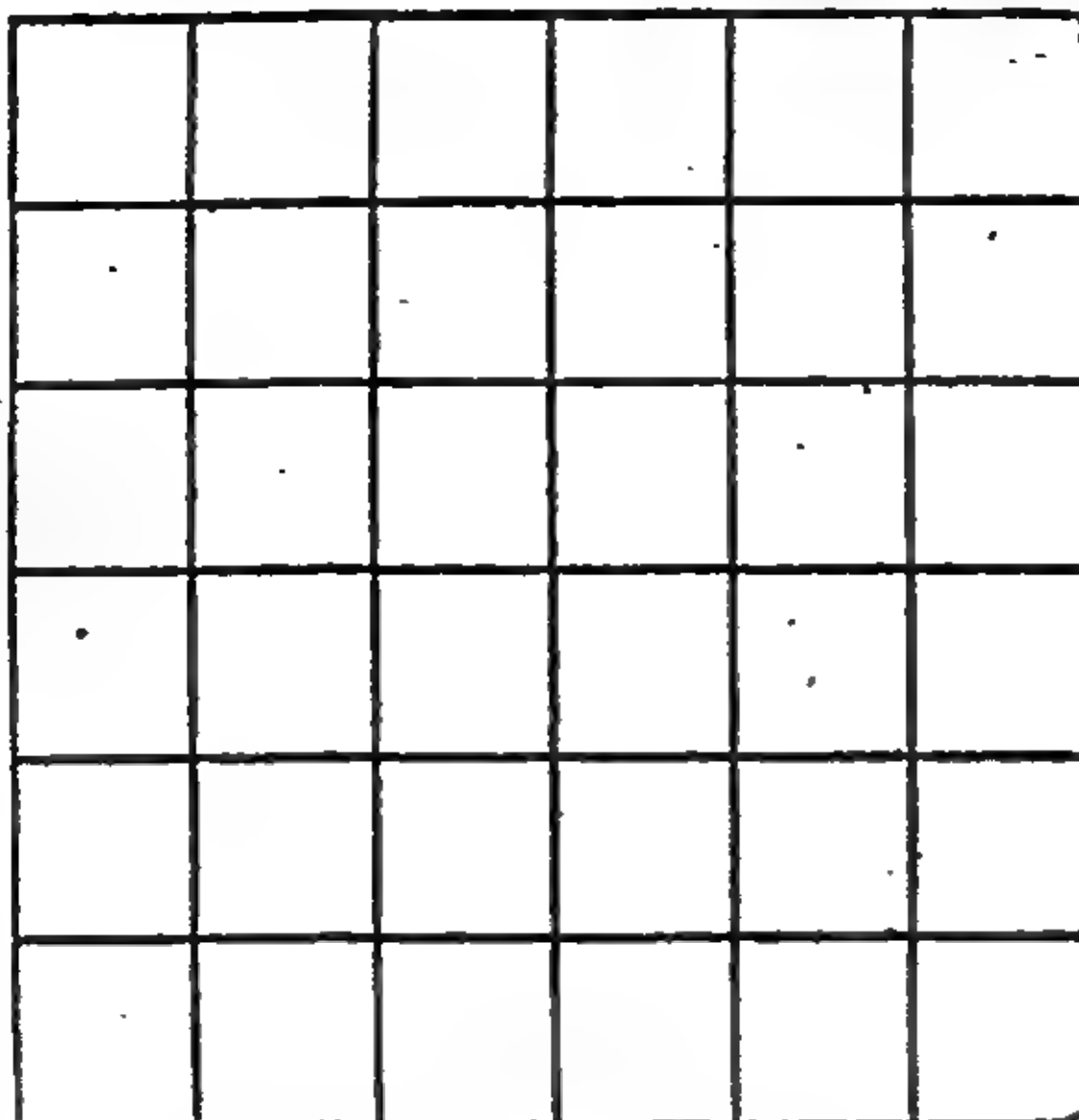
Some of you have been sending in coloured drawings to be published. At the moment we have not got the machinery to print colours, so we cannot publish these. Make your drawings either in dark pencil or black ink—black ink is the best, if you have any.

Happy days to you all, from

*Auntie Vee*

# Children's Page

## MAKE UP YOUR OWN CROSSWORD PUZZLE FROM THIS DIAGRAM



Using this diagram as a guide, make up your own crossword puzzle.

You can black in whatever squares you like. Just give us the answers—you need not send in the clues unless you want to. If the puzzle which wins the prize is good enough, we will publish it as a puzzle on the Children's Page—if it is not, we will just publish the answers.

Boys and girls up to sixteen can enter this competition. Send your entries in to Auntie Vee at the SUNDAY HERALD before February 19.

Three prizes of \$5 each will be given to the best entries received, with a further \$2 if the puzzle is published.

## LAST WEEK'S PRIZEWINNERS

The "Constantinople" competition has been very popular, and all the entries sent in were very, very good.

Some entrants had more words than the ones to whom we have given the prizes, but we found some of their words were spelt incorrectly.

So on age, number of words, and correct spelling, the following win the prizes:

1st Prize: Margaret Mary Lee (15), Maryknoll Convent School, Waterloo Road, Kowloon. (About 400 Words).

2nd Prize: Reginald Tsang (7), 3 Lock Road, 3rd Floor, Kowloon. (238 Words).

3rd Prize: Fiona M. Ritchie (11), s/- Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Hong Kong. (156 Words).

Congratulations to all of you on a very good effort.

## WHAT AM I?

My first is in snail but not in ant,  
My second's in must, but not in can't,

My third is in crouch, and also in slouch,

My fourth cake but not in couch;  
My fifth is in bike, and also in hike,

And my whole is something that none of us like.

Answer: Smoke.

NAME .....  
ADDRESS .....  
AGE .....

## SORT OUT THESE JUMBLED WORDS—

For the Jumbled Words today we have given you the names of some famous literary men. Only their surnames are mentioned.

Turn the page round to read the full names, printed upside-down below. If you cannot work all the words out. See how many you get correct, just for fun.

CLRAOLR      SNEDECI  
MITNHAW      TSOCT  
AILDEEFMS      ECHCUAR  
EKEPARASHS      OILMNT

(John) Milton.  
(Walter) Scott. (Geoffrey) Chaucer.  
(Charles) Dickens. (Sir) Shakespeare.  
(John) Massfield. (William) Shakespeare.  
(Lewis) Carroll. (Walt) Whitman.

JUMBLED WORDS ANSWERS

## Word Wisdom

Horizontal (hori-zontl): Flat, going across in a straight line, level with the horizon.

Horizon (horizn): The line at which the sky and land, or the sky and sea, appear to meet. Actually, of course, they never do, but if you look into the distance they seem to join in one straight line.

Penguin (pen-gwin): A black and white sea bird found in great numbers in the Antarctic. They cannot fly, have very short legs, and have small feathers like scales on their wings which act as paddles when they are diving or swimming.

Pitiful (pittl-full): This has two meanings. It can be used to mean that a person is "full of pity" for somebody else, or else it can mean that a person or animal is in so sad a state that other people feel sorry for it.

Scheme (skeem): To arrange, or plan for something to happen.

## THIS IS VOTING DAY FOR THE CHILDREN'S CLUB!

Some of the ideas sent in for the name of the Children's Club were not very apt, but there were a few good ones among them.

To help you choose, we have put some ideas of our own in the six names given as suggestions.

A list of them is printed below. Choose the three which you like best, and put their numbers, in order of preference, in the squares on the voting slip.

This time all your entries must be on the printed slip, cut out of the paper. You can send in as many entries as you like. Remember, choose the three which you like best, and fill in all the squares.

1. THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB.
2. THE HERALD COMPANION'S CLUB.
3. THE HERALDERS' CLUB.
4. THE HAPPY HERALD CLUB.
5. THE HAPPINESS CLUB.
6. THE COMPANIONS' CLUB.

Dear Auntie Vee,

These are the names I would choose for the Children's Club:

1st:

2nd:

3rd:

Name: .....

Address: .....

Age: .....

## The Corner

(From the Christian Science Monitor)

There's a smallish sort of corner  
In a smallish sort of room;  
And it's just behind the sofa  
And it's full of dust and gloom;  
And do you know who lives there?  
Of course, you'll never guess,  
'Cause Mummy says he doesn't,  
But I say, Yes!  
'Cause Mummy is a grown-up  
And Mummy doesn't know,  
'Cause she's never seen the places  
Where the fairy people go;  
And she didn't see my pony  
When he tossed his head to stare  
At a little fairy pony  
That was trotting in the air.  
But you're a different kind of grown-up,  
So perhaps you'll understand  
That it's there I meet my Brownie  
And he takes me by the hand  
And opens wide a little door  
Which leads to fairyland.

JEANNE BARSTOW.



Credit Corner is for boys and girls who have sent in drawings, poems and stories which deserve praise, although they have not been published.

Patsy Luz (11), of Kowloon, gets Honourable Mention this week for a very good entry in "What Do You Think?" Better luck next time!



## PIGMY CARTOON



"Ah, well—no doubt scientists will be more easily disposed of than battleships after they've outlived their usefulness."—by NEB.

## Condensation from "THE REACH OF THE MIND" in Reader's Digest

What do recent studies reveal about the unknown powers of the human mind—mind-reading, clairvoyance, "mind-over-matter"—even the prospect of proving survival of personality after death? February Reader's Digest brings a 14-page condensation from J. B. Rhine's startling new book. Don't miss this report of actual experiments that have stirred the scientific world—a tale of seeming fantasies told by a matter-of-fact scientist from Duke University.

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# Musical World

## BLOOMER

Some moons back, this column took issue with a ZBW announcer who said that a certain piece of work was composed by one "Bach-Stokowski." The lesson was apparently learnt... until last Sunday night. Then, O Calamity, one of the expert announcers slipped and announced a Nocturne by "Percy Scholes-Field."

For the benefit of the newcomer to music and those without a reference library handy, Percy Scholes is one of England's most erudite and competent writers of music—his "Oxford Companion to Music" has long been cherished as a shorter and more lively "Grove." John Field was an Irishman who lived from 1782 to 1837. Clementi's best pupil, he wrote a lot of music for the piano and may be said to have "invented" the Nocturne and thus influenced Chopin.

## "ZBW PROMS"

As announced last week, tonight's "Proms Concert" from ZBW will include Arthur Bliss's Piano Concerto, which was commissioned by the British Council for the New York World Fair, 1929, and was first performed at Carnegie Hall by the New York Philharmonic (Sir Adrian Boult cond.), with Solomon as soloist. The other work tonight is Cesar Franck's "Symphony in D Minor."

Readers of this column will recall that in mid-January, when discussing Cesar Franck's music, mention was made of Gounod's comment at the first performance of this symphony, that it was the "affirmation of incompetence pushed to dogmatic lengths." Critics of more recent date have been kinder. R. A. Leonard, for instance, pays tribute to Franck's richly varied and expressive harmonies, with their unexpected chromatic modulations, and their colour and light, and goes on to say:—"His music soars and sings; it is full of the choring of angelic voices, the perpetual adoration of heavenly hosts." Somewhere between these two extremes lies the real Cesar Franck.

Much of his work is deplorable. A handful of his compositions entitle him to his place with the masters, and this symphony is one of them. Belgian by birth, he made his greatest contribution to music when he revolutionised the French school, which had begun to forget the polyphony which at one time had been such a prominent factor. Through d'Indy, he set in motion the "Franckist" school of French music, which opposes the aims of those modernists who start from Debussy. This conflict of thought is still going on in French music.

## BLISS

Born in London in 1891, educated at Rugby and Pembroke College (Cambridge), Arthur Bliss took a few lessons at the Royal College of Music and then served throughout World War I, first with the Royal Fusiliers and then with the Grenadier Guards. He was wounded on the Somme in 1916, gassed at Cambrai in 1918, and mentioned in despatches. He had written some music before this and two of his early works were performed while he was on active service. In 1918, however, he destroyed all these juvenilia and he himself dates his career as a composer with the performance of "Madame Noy" in 1920.

That career itself, which has seen him develop into one of Britain's most brilliant writers of music, falls almost naturally into two main chapters. Chapter I runs from 1918 to about 1930, and although it was a period of experiment, it was not experimentation in the sense of awkward attempts to find himself. He knew what he wanted to do. He set himself problems, and found an entirely original solution to them. There was no fumbling, no tentative half-steps, freakish though the result might sound at times. Some of his early works appeal. Some of them seem to repel—though the fault may

lie not in Bliss but in ourselves. All, however, are skilfully shaped with a determined hand.

We don't often hear much of Bliss in Hong Kong. A most unusual, and stimulating, programme might well be made up of the following works:—

(a) "Rhapsody" for soprano, tenor, flute, cor anglais, string quartet and bass—the two voices vocalise on "Ah" all through and are placed simply as "instruments" in the ensemble. And why not? The voice is a musical instrument—ZBW tenors notwithstanding.

(b) "Rout" for soprano and 10 voices; the text consists of meaningless syllables chosen for their phonetic effect.

(c) Song-cycle, "The Women of Yueh" (trans. from the Chinese by Shigeoyoshi Obata), with accompaniment for flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, string quartet, bass, glockenspiel, triangle and side drum.

(d) "Pastoral" for chorus (mezzo-sop. solo), with solo flute, drums and string orchestra, and a text made up of poems by Ben Jonson, Fletcher, Poliziano, Theocritus, Fletcher and Nichols.

(e) Symphony "Morning Heroes" for orator, chorus and orchestra. Dedicated to the dead of World War I, this is in five movements:—"Hector's Farewell to Andromache" (Iliad VI); "The City Arming" (Whitman's "Drum Taps"); "Vigil" from Li Po and a few more lines by Whitman; "Achilles goes forth to Battle" (Iliad XIX); Wilfrid Owen's "Spring Offensive"; and Robert Nichols' "Dawn on the Somme."

These works are typical of his first period, with their novel blends of timbre, their vigour and their vitality. Chapter II, from 1930 onwards, shows a change. He has finished experimenting and from now on he writes more in the classical vein of "absolute music," though he is still completely original.

As for the work to be heard tonight, one can do no better than to quote Alec Robertson:—

"This is a piano concerto in a big way. Personally I rejoice in the bold use of the brass: hieratic, dynamic, dramatic (It is an occasion for the piling up of adjectives!). I like the full-bloodedness of the opening, a pyrotechnic swirl of octaves up and down the keyboard after a brief call to action by the orchestra... No note of disillusionment sounds in Bliss's concerto; and what he celebrates is the glowing vitality of a young and great nation. (The work is dedicated to the United States)."

"But there is more than ceremonial splendour in the work. In the ardent last movement there is a lovely cello solo delicately accompanied by the solo piano, and the quiet opening of the very expressive slow movement is magical as well as wholly classical in conception."

## "Y" CONCERT

This week's gramophone concert of the Y.M.C.A. Music Group (on Friday evening) will consist of:—Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries"; Ravel's ballet suite "Daphnis and Chloé"; Mozart's "Concerto in C Major for Flute and Harp" (soloists: Marcel Moyse and Lily Laskine); Butterworth's "The Banks of Green Willow"; and Haydn's "Symphony No. 100 in G Major (the 'Military')." . . . .

## BRUCKNER

Hans Schweiger, conductor of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra, recently scored a musical "first" with the presentation of Anton Bruckner's Fourth Symphony (the "Romantic"). This was the first performance in the United States of Bruckner's symphony in its original, unchanged version.

In 1906, the original score of the symphony—composed in 1881—was found in a European monastery. Schweiger, who was then Director of Music for the Free State of Danzig, was one of the first conductors to present the original version.

## BRITTEN

United Press reports that the Opera Theatre of Chicago has announced that it plans to present Benjamin Britten's opera, "The Rape of Lucretia," on Broadway—probably this season. The opera had its American "premiere" in Chicago last June.

## PAID CONCERT

Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra will give their first paid-admission concert in New York in over three years—the date, April 26th, the place, Carnegie Hall.

With the assistance of the Collegiate Chorale under Robert Shaw, they will give an uncut performance of Verdi's "Requiem."

The proceeds are going to the building fund campaign of the New York Infirmary for Women and Children, and orchestra seats will cost US\$25!

## PURCELL

The first performance in the United States of a major excerpt from Purcell's "Harmonia Sacra" was given a few weeks back at Carnegie Hall, New York, by the coloured soprano, Eillabelle Davis.

The figured harmonies of this great 17th Century English master were arranged by his 20th Century fellow countryman, Benjamin Britten, and the vocal parts were edited by the English tenor, Peter Pears. The work, which comes from Vol. II, is entitled "The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation."

## SWEDISH OPERA

A competition for a new Swedish opera to be performed at the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Royal Opera House, Stockholm, on September 19th, 1948, has now been decided.

The first prize, worth about £500, was won by the Swedish composer Kurt Atterberg, for his work "The Tempest" (based on Shakespeare's drama). The second prize, worth about £175, went to Ernest Ellberg, a 79-year-old Professor of Music.

Atterberg's opera is not only based on Shakespeare's drama but follows the text almost word for word. Ariel is a lyric soprano, Prospero a bass-baritone and Caliban a bass. Some parts—especially the comic ones—are spoken with a musical background. Atterberg, who is 51, has already composed four operas, eight symphonies and many violin and piano concertos.

A composer and a conductor, he started out in life studying electrical engineering, the cello and composition. He made his debut with the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra in 1912 and won the International Prize at the Schubert Centennial Contest in 1928. He is president of the Swedish Society of Composers.

Ellberg is by no means as well known. He used to be a teacher at the Music Academy and has been working on his opera for no less than 50 years. The libretto is based on an old legend of the Lapps, those nomads who roam the northern mountain regions of Sweden.

It is probably the only opera in the world dealing with the musical traditions of these primitive people and contains several Lapp songs.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Air Vice-Marshal D. C. T. Bennett was dismissed by BSAA because "he had forfeited the confidence of the Board." The Board denied that his dismissal had anything to do with a press interview in which Bennett criticised British air planning. (13240)
2. Robert Cochrane, P.O. Box 100 of Tasmania (13241)
3. Australia, by an overwhelming margin. Australia has won 10 of the 12 Test matches since 1935. (13242)
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# Health Page

## Medical Experts Still Baffled

By PETER LOVEGROVE

Ten thousand cold cures are registered at the Patent Office in London but, says Dr. C. H. Andrewes, F.R.S., of the National Institute for Medical Research, they are not a practical proposition.

Even the new vaccine leaves him unconvinced. In a carefully controlled trial, 55 per cent of the people who had been injected with it claimed to be satisfied that it had reduced their cold-incidence. But slightly better benefit had been claimed by people who had only been injected with a common saline solution at the same time.

Dr. Andrewes should know. He is in charge of the Common Cold Research Unit at Salisbury, and for eighteen months has been conducting experiments with more than 500 human "guinea pigs."

He confessed to the Royal Society of Arts in London recently that though they were beginning to find a few clues as to how colds were spread and what caused them, they could not exactly define the common cold, and the actual virus had yet to be isolated. It had been established, however, that it is about a ten-thousandth of a millimetre. He added:

"Whether your particular illness is called 'flu, grippe, or a chill, or just a cold, it has been more a matter of the taste and fancy of your own particular doctor than of any great scientific discovery."

The experts, in fact, were still baffled. It was possible that in ordinary life we caught colds from a lot of exposure in the presence of a little virus, or from very moderate exposure if we took a big dose of virus. And resistance to a cold, does not depend on when one had one's last cold, but on other factors not at all understood. Colds were commoner in winter than in summer, but instead of the waves of cold travelling from the Northern states—which had cold weather sooner—southwards, the waves occurred almost simultaneously from the colder Canadian border down to the more temperate Gulf of Mexico. And it was a well-attested fact that Arctic explorers, exposed to all sorts of hardships away from civilisation, got no colds, but that epidemics broke out as soon as relief ships arrived in the spring, and disappeared after the last ships left in the autumn.

In fact, sudden temperature changes might precipitate colds more in the summer than in the winter. Cold weather could perhaps act indirectly in making people crowd together indoors—but crowding could hardly be all-important, otherwise why should not colds spread in Tube trains in rush hours in July? Some research workers have also tried to trace an association with humidity and other meteorological happenings, but without carrying much conviction.

### The Salisbury Experiment

Volunteers to catch a cold at the Harvard Hospital at Salisbury have not been lacking. 500 have already been experimented on, and colds have been successfully produced in about 50 per cent of these within two to three days' time. 24 volunteers are taken at a time, and they are paired off in flats. During their ten days their only human contacts are with the gowned and masked doctor and matron who visit them daily. Each pair has a comfortable sitting-room, equipped with radio, internal and external telephone, books and games; a little dining room, and each volunteer has a bedroom. Hot meals in thermos containers are taken round three times a day on an electric trolley and delivered at the entrance to the flats. They are allowed to go out for walks into the country with their own partner—provided they avoid other people, buildings, vehicles and built-up areas. They can also play games such as table-tennis and badminton in outlying huts, with precautions which will make it unlikely that any infection can be transferred to the pair next using the hut. Besides getting ten days' free holiday, volunteers get 3 shillings a day pocket money and travel vouchers to and from Salisbury. No wonder there is a long waiting list, and the "Harvard Holiday" season is fully booked up until October. Volunteers, who must be between 18 and 40 years of age, are mostly students, who employ part of their time in isolation in swotting for exams.

But, says Dr. Andrewes regretfully, human beings make unsatisfactory experimental animals. He would much rather employ chimpanzees. They catch beautiful colds.

### Air Hygiene

Dr. Andrewes also stated that recent evidence suggested that more unpleasant germs were spread from the nose than from the mouth and throat, which

led to the question whether bacteria and viruses out of handkerchiefs might not be of tremendous importance. Tests at Salisbury had shown that many bacteria might be shaken out and remain for a time in the air; handkerchiefs from the later stages of a cold were particularly effective germ distributors. This aspect of the problem was being studied by an Air Hygiene Unit also at Salisbury. Treatment of air with ultra-violet lamps and chemical mists were amongst its tools and its motto was "coughs and sneezes spread diseases." Work now in progress suggested that impregnation of handkerchiefs with a disinfectant might make them less dangerous in this respect.

Since mention of the Salisbury experiment had appeared in the Press, Dr. Andrewes had received hundreds of letters from people telling him of drugs or lines of conduct which would certainly prevent or cure colds. One writer even said how his cold had been cured by the fall of a V-2 in his immediate vicinity—but, did not go into the practical application of this observation.

The reason why so many preventives and "cures" existed is that one's susceptibility to colds was so variable. Many people had colds one year and none the next. If they happened to have used a particular remedy in the second year, they swore by it, recommended it to their friends, wrote to him about it—or they took out a patent. His recent experience was that the large majority of incipient cold attacks proved abortive anyway, and that it was only the exceptional infection that broke right through one's defences and laid one low. This habit of the unidentified virus was very convenient for the continued reparation of patent medicines.

But it's cold comfort for all of us.

### NOT AS BLACK AS IT'S PAINTED

"This is the Radio Hypnotist, who is waiting in the studio to put you to sleep." Are we ever likely to hear that after the midnight news? Probably not. But it could be done, as a psychiatrist proved in a broadcast from Sydney.

Hypnotism frightens most of us. We associate it with black magic. But in a mild form, it's not uncommon.

You hypnotise yourself, sometimes.

Sit staring at the fire in a darkened room. After a while you'll be seeing pictures in the flames. And an hour or so later you'll wake up with a start to find the fire half out, and yourself half frozen.

Yes, you were hypnotised. Hypnosis is a kind of artificial sleep, in some ways like ordinary sleep. It can be induced in many normal persons either by their own efforts, or by an outside influence. Or it can just happen.

The outside influence bit of it scares you. Imagine letting somebody else tell you what to do, and being compelled to obey them.

It's not as bad as that. Don't believe the hair-raising legends about men who have been hypnotised and then forced to commit murder. Stories of that kind are based on half-knowledge.

What happens when you're hypnotised? There are several theories. Here's one of them.

In ordinary sleep, the nerve cells in the higher part of the brain, the cells that link up your ideas, are dissociated from each other.

It is believed that the same thing occurs when somebody hypnotises you. When he puts you to sleep, his personality creates a link between his mind and yours, and the link persists. It keeps part of your brain active and awake.

But the other part of your brain is having time off. So any suggestions made by the hypnotist have no other ideas to fight against, and you act on them at once.

There's plenty of evidence, however, to show that even under hypnosis you wouldn't do anything against your principles, or against common sense. You wouldn't, for instance, put your hand in a roaring fire. You wouldn't kick your boss in the teeth, unless you'd had an inclination to do exactly that when you were awake.

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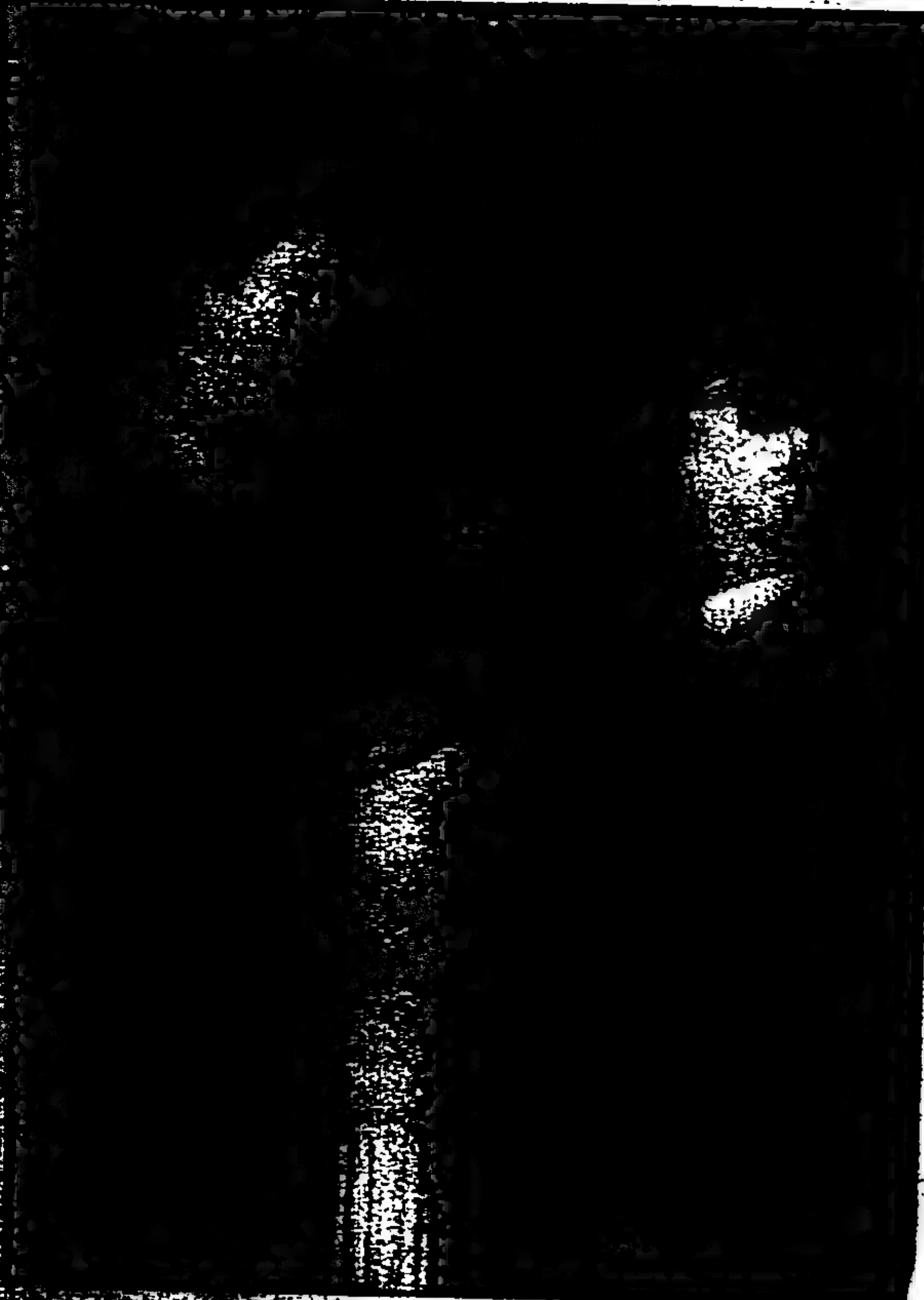
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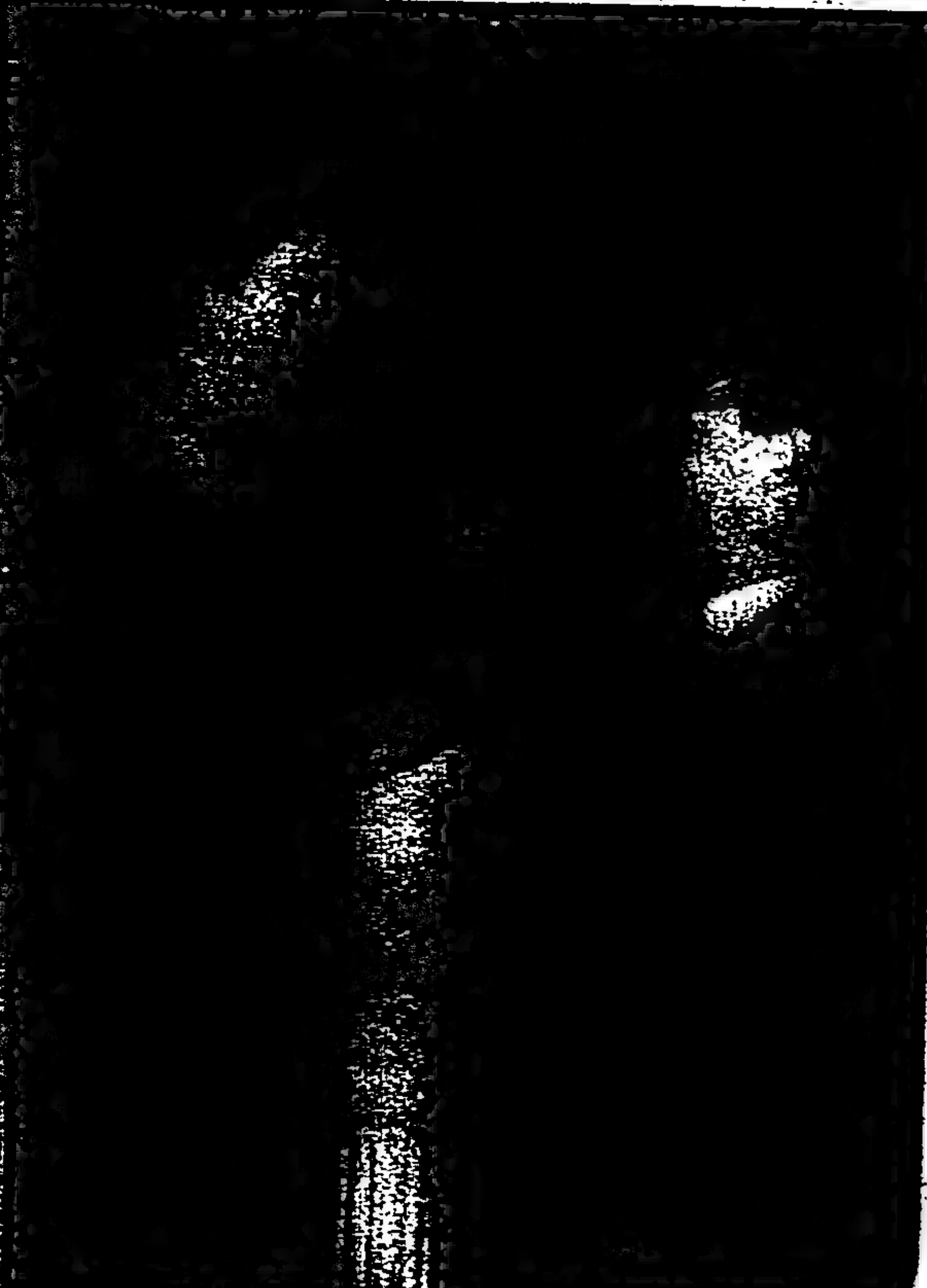
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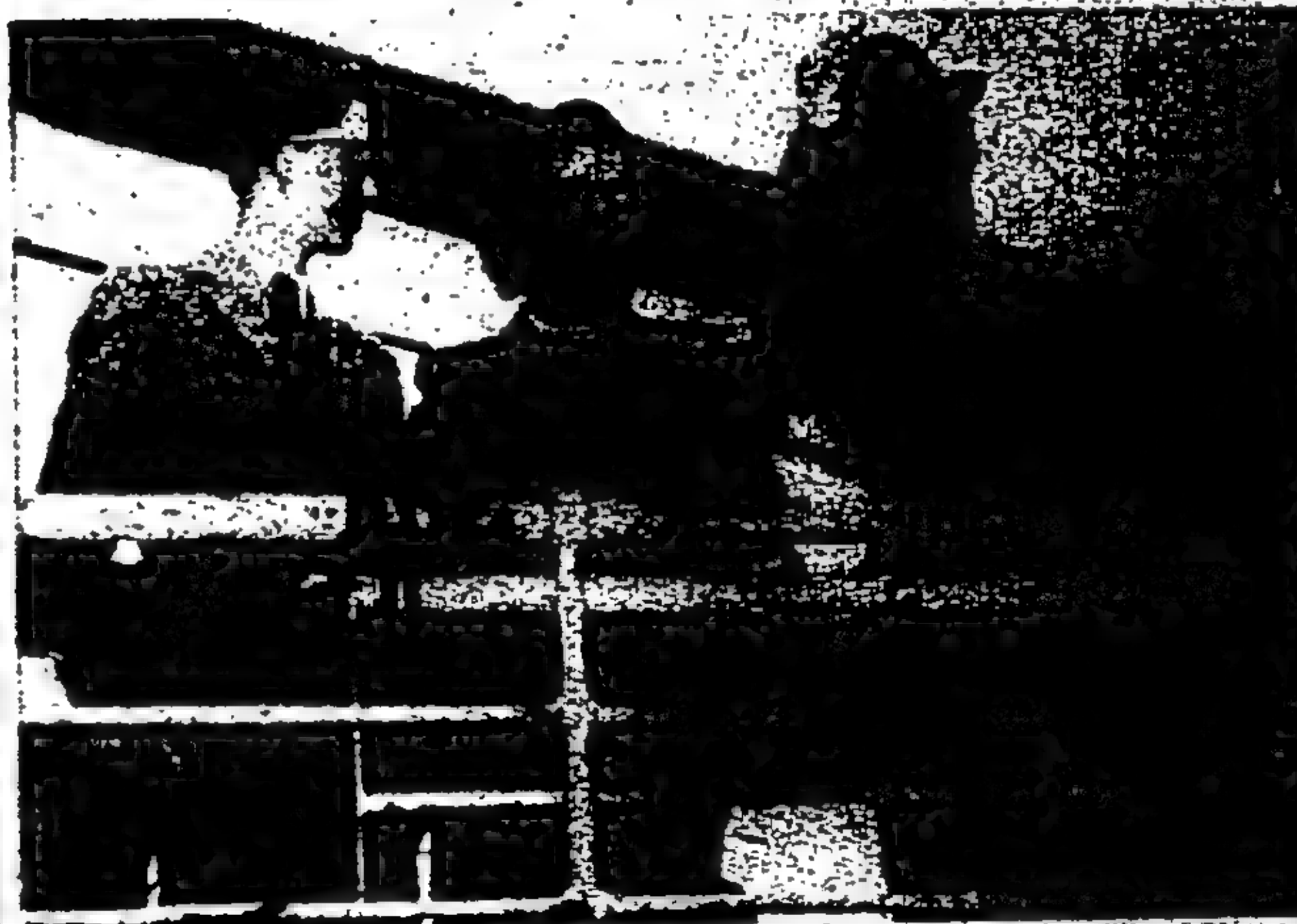




Princess Elizabeth supervising the packing of food parcels, sent by the Dominions and Colonies as wedding presents, and to be distributed to old age pensioners and widows with children. The packing is being carried out at Buckingham Palace by the WVS.



Glubb Pasha, commander of the Transjordan Arab Legion, photographed on his arrival at the Foreign Office to accompany Tewfik Pasha in treaty talks with Mr. Bavin. (APhoto.)



King Leopold, his wife, Princess de Bathy, and Prince Baudoin, sailing from Lisbon for Havana, on January 22. (APhoto.)



Above, left to right, Dr. Fauzi, H. Farhan and Tewfik Pasha, the Transjordan delegation visiting England for treaty modification talks. (APhoto.)

Right, Ursula Bauer, Berlin shorthand typist, who has just been informed from Philadelphia that she is the heir to nearly £5,000,000 left by a distant relative, who died in 1930. (APhoto.)



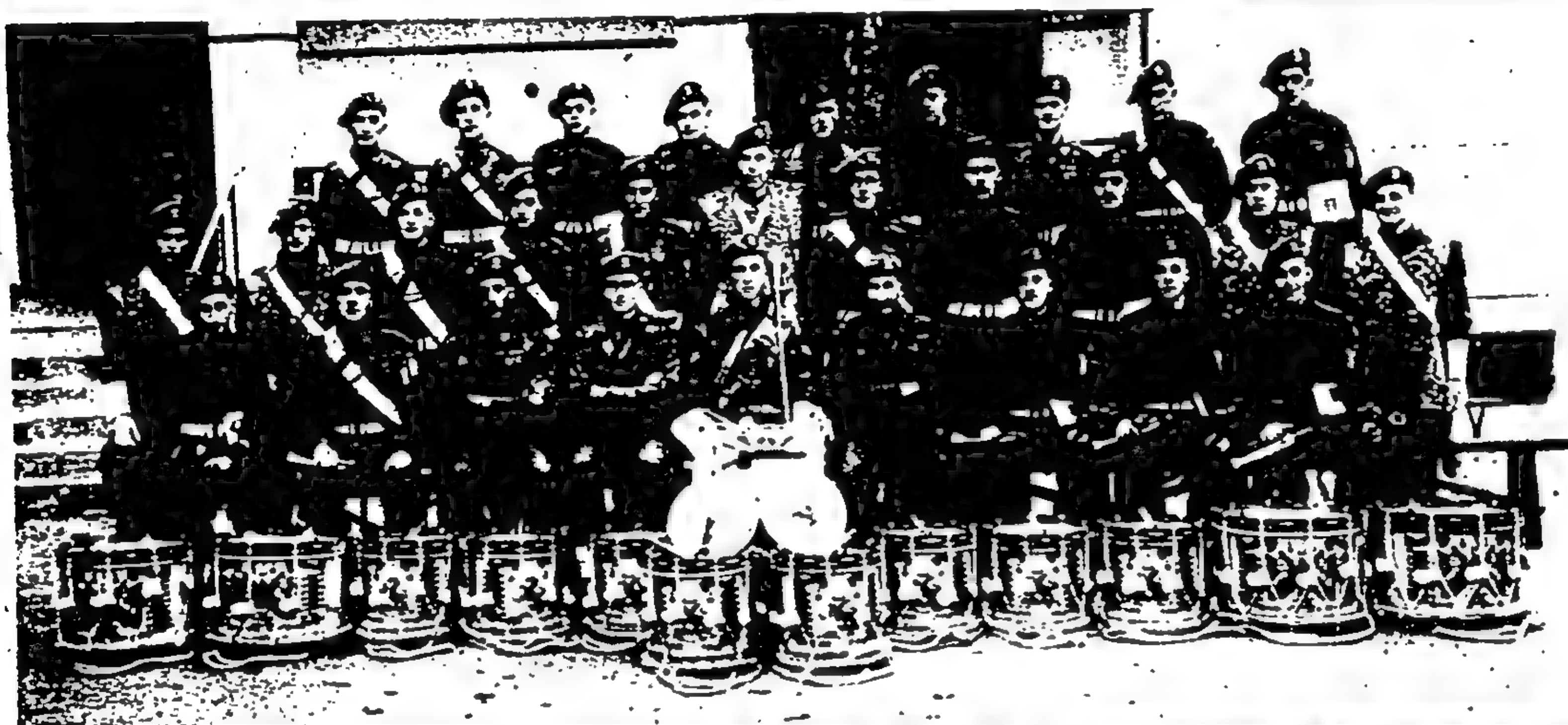




Group taken at the wedding of Mr. Archibald Orr and Miss Madge Spittlehouse recently. The bride and groom left for a new appointment in Borneo immediately afterwards. (King's Studio).



Mr. H. L. Schultz, of Standard-Vacuum, who has just retired after 36 years' service. He was in Hong Kong for many years as general manager of the South China Division.



Left, the newly formed Drum and File Band of the 2nd Batt. The Buffs, commanded by Lt. Col. E. F. C. Bruce, MC. (King's Studio).



The team which represented China in the International Charity Cup Competition. They defeated Ireland by eleven clear goals. (China Mail photo).



Mr. Thomas Iscar Lui and Miss Julia Maria de Roza which took place at the Roman Catholic Cathedral recently. (China Mail photo).

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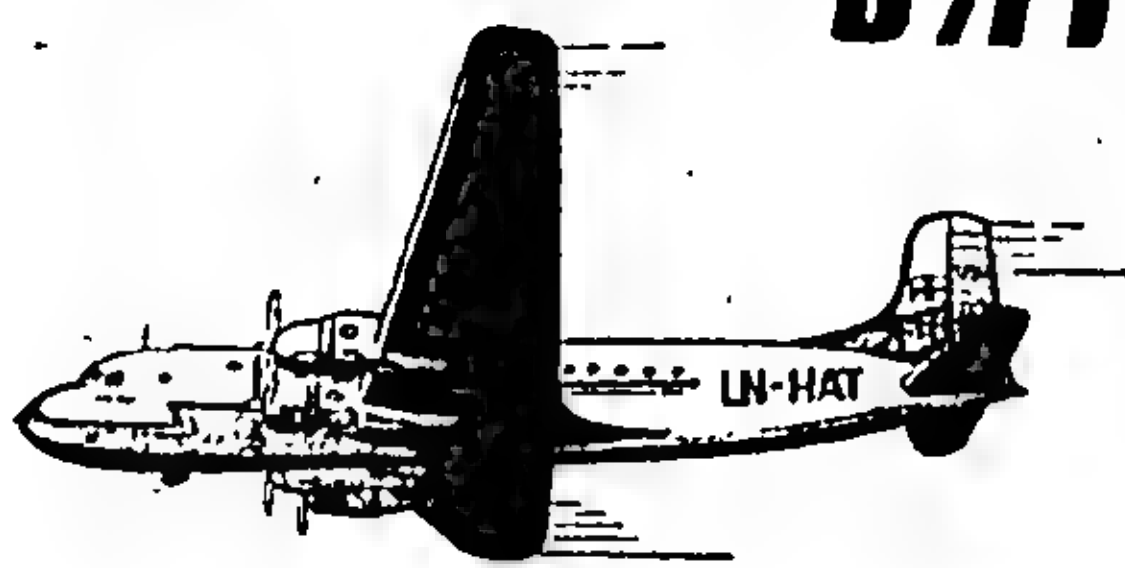


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## "HOLY WAR" ABOUT TO START D-Day May Be Five Days Hence

### Warning Given By Arab Leader

London, Feb. 13. Forecasting a "holy war" in Palestine, the head of the Palestine Arab political mission in Britain, Izzdeen Shawa Bey, declared in London today that "but for their unfortunate dispute over Kashmir, both India and Pakistan would have overwhelmed us—and that is the word—with volunteers and financial and other aid."

In London, Shawa Bey said, between 8,000 and 10,000 volunteers had come forward from the Indian sub-continent, Ceylon, China, Great Britain, the United States, and South Africa. Hindus as well as Moslems were among the volunteers from the Indian peninsula. They were for the most part veterans of the last war.

Shawa Bey said he had been recalled to the Middle East for discussions with the Arab League and the Palestine Arab Higher Committee which embrace the question of forming an "International Brigade" to help the Arabs.

He accused the United States of being responsible for facilitating the development of Communist influence in the Middle East by taking sides with Russia in the scheme to partition Palestine.

"The strategy in Palestine," said Shawa Bey, "is very much in favour of the Arabs. Anyone, however, who has in mind warfare on modern principles will be very disappointed."

"We have been told that the Jews are going to have air-planes and tanks with submarines and torpedo boats all along the 60 miles of coast, but the Arabs are very wisely making provision for all eventualities."

"There exists a Supreme Arab Command, which includes top military people. The name of the Commander-in-Chief has not yet been published. Things have been moving very fast in the Middle East of late, much faster than people in Britain seem to realise."

**U.S. Charged**  
Leveling his charges against the United States, Shawa Bey said it was evident that many of the Palestine Jewish immigrants, coming chiefly from Eastern Europe, were "Communist spearheads." Their settlements were rather on Communist lines.

He did not understand how there could be a compromise between the increasing hatred of Communism apparent in the United States and American cooperation with Russia in a scheme which would bring the Russians into the Mediterranean basin.

"Not only is the cooperation of these two nations evident on the question of partition, con-

tinued Shawa Bey, "but there is ample evidence that both America and Russia are assisting the Jews with arms and other war materials."

**Officials Bought?**  
"I have no evidence that the American Government, as such, is assisting the Jews to take out arms, but that does not mean that the Jews cannot go into one of the American departments and buy the officials out."

Shawa Bey said he hoped to meet the Mufti of Jerusalem in a few days. The Mufti, Haj Amin El Hussein, commanded the undisputed leadership of the Palestine people and was the only man for Palestine, he declared.

In accordance with the principles of self-determination and freedom of conscience, the Arabs of Palestine would "take no substitute" for him.—Reuter.

**"We Are Ready"**

Damascus Feb. 14. Headquarters for an Arab Army push against Palestine's Jews has been set up in Southern Lebanon. Military observers say a major attack may be launched within five days.

Fawzi Bey Al Kulkji, commander of the invasion force, who will take over next week, said: "We are ready."

"Fighters from every Arab country are more than able to stand up to a Jewish invasion," he added.

About 1,500 hand-picked fighters went into the Holy Land this week to join spearhead forces.

Meanwhile, advisers from Cairo, Egypt, quoted an Arab leader as saying of elections for a new "democratic Congress":

"We have no time for elections. We have time now only for fighting. There is no question of a provisional government for Palestine. We do not want anyone to infer from the formation of the Congress that we accept partition (as voted by the

### Appeal To Shinwell

London, Feb. 13. The International Committee of the movement for European unity has asked Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, War Minister and Chairman of the Labour Party, to reconsider the Party's refusal to let its members attend the "United Europe" conference at The Hague in May.

The Committee released the text of a letter addressed by Dr. J. R. Retinger, Secretary of the Committee, to Mr. Shinwell which said that the Committee "learned with surprise" of the decision to discourage Labour participation in the conference to which it had been proposed to invite representatives of all shades of democratic political opinion.—Reuter.

United Nations) and are forming a government for an Arab State in Palestine."

The Arab Executive, has fought partition before and since it was recommended last November by the U.N. General Assembly.

Hussein said the seven-state Arab League has given its blessing to the Congress project.—Associated Press.

### JAP WHALER HOME

Tokyo, Feb. 13. A second whaling ship from the second Japanese Antarctic whaling expedition, the Sagami Maru, arrived on Wednesday at Tokyo with 670 tons of whale meat which will be distributed to Tokyo's citizens.—Reuter.

## Mystery Death Of Four Jews

Jerusalem, Feb. 13. A full, official inquiry into the deaths of four Jews found shot in an Arab quarter of Jerusalem was tonight ordered by Lieutenant General H. A. MacMillan, General Officer Commanding, Palestine, after a British Army sergeant major had been placed under arrest pending inquiries.

The Jews were found dead with bullet wounds outside St. Stephen's Gate last night. The Jewish Agency Executive demanded an inquiry and the Army authorities arrested the sergeant-major when he was reported to have been in charge of the soldiers alleged to be concerned.

An Army communique, stating an inquiry would be held on General MacMillan's orders, said it was the duty of all citizens to come forward with all evidence concerning the deaths.

## Postcard Picture Of Japanese?

Lake Success, Feb. 13. One of the Chinese delegates to the United Nations today accused the American press of a tendency to recreate the pretty, lovable type of postcard picture of Japan and the Japanese people.

Mr. P. C. Chang, delegate to the Economic and Social Council, said: "Those who have manipulated this dangerous tendency must have reasons of their own."

He warned that such press treatment of the defeated Japanese—whom he charged with a "gigantic attempt at genocide" against his countrymen—should be guarded against lest it lead to a "tragic repetition of the tragic past."

The brief outburst, the chief points of which Mr. Chang carefully repeated so that the exact words could not be missed, occurred at the Economic and Social Council discussed the problem of drawing up an international convention against genocide—the crime of destroying a racial, national or religious group.

"Only tragic memories prompt me to speak now," Mr. Chang said. He then mentioned the Rape of Nanking and other incidents, which he labelled "frightful bestialities."

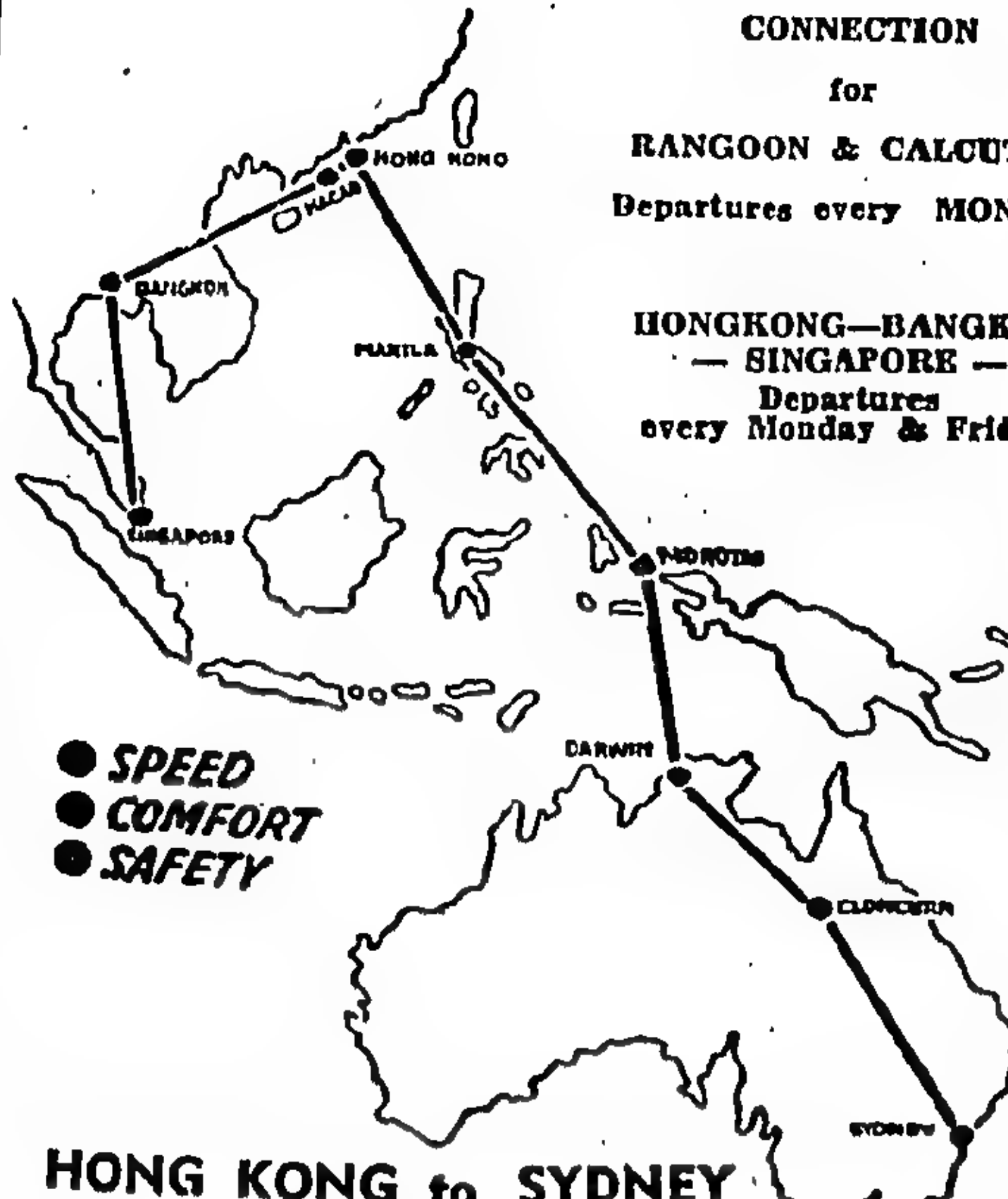
He also accused the Japanese of using narcotics in wartime in an attempt to destroy the Chinese. He expressed the hope that the projected convention against genocide would refer specifically to the use of narcotics as a means of perpetrating such a crime.—United Press.

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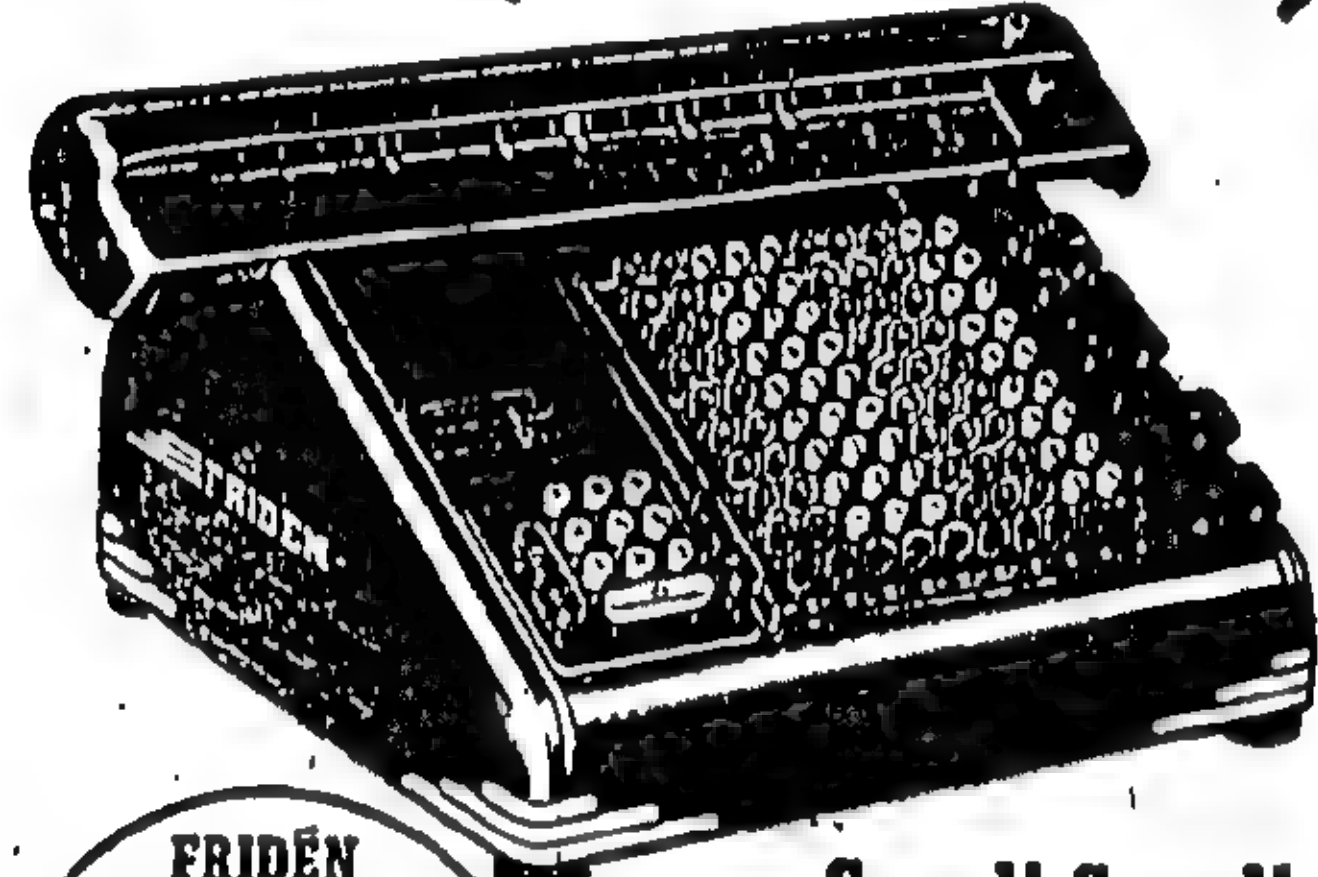
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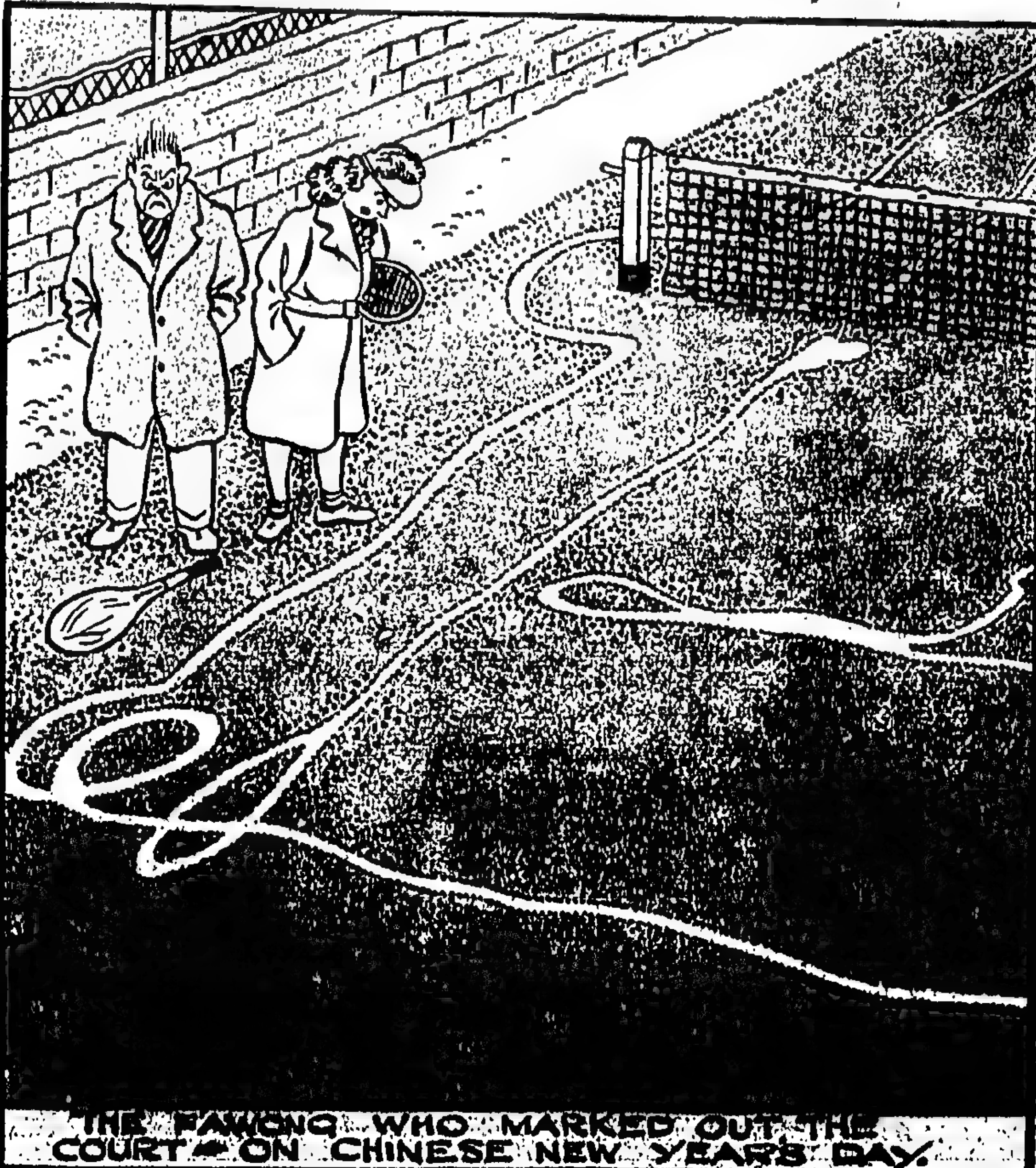
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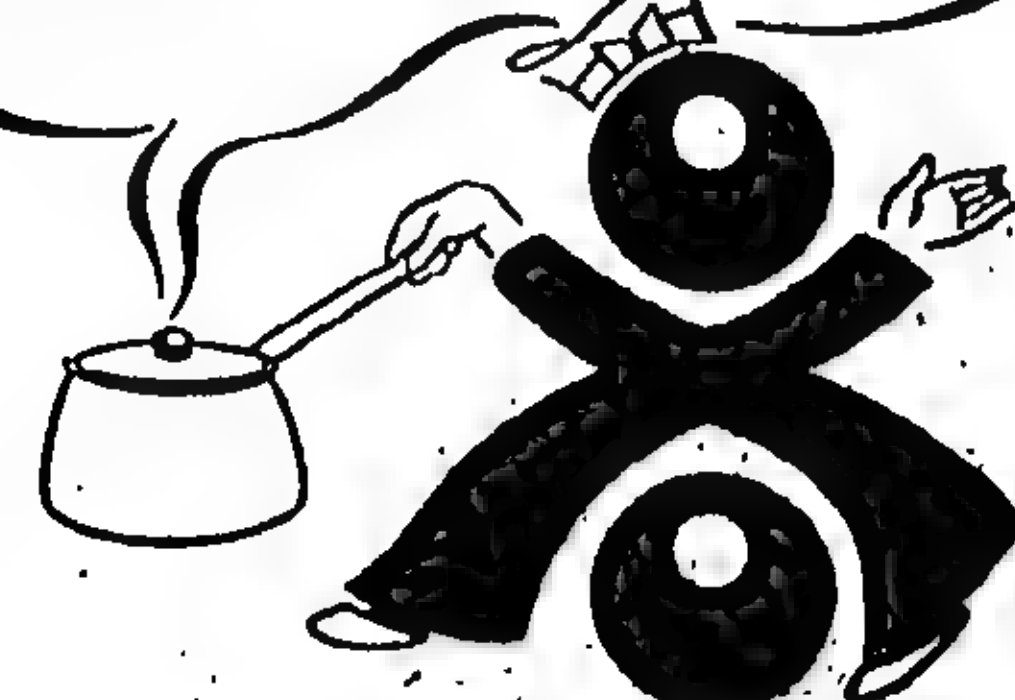
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## PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

Well, here is this business about the frame, which is probably as serious as anything it could fully understand it.

I could do with a pair of socks but the coupons are running short. If anyone gave me a car I shouldn't be able to take it to the Continent this summer. I cut my neck while shaving this morning and there is blood on my collar. It's extraordinary that no one ever moves out of an unfurnished flat.

For in the queer sort of tickling at the back of my nose I'm nearly sure I'm going to get another of those bouts of influenza that don't look like anything because the temperature is sub-normal; and I shall never see my 21st birthday again; but at least I'm not a lion-tamer, and that puts me one jump ahead of the comparatively large number of people who are.

I've been taking a careful look round the circus, and it seems to me that lion-taming has got as good as it's ever likely to get, and that still leaves it some way below the men with red noses who ride bicycles across tight-ropes.

It is all right at the beginning of the act. The lion-tamer comes bounding into the cage wearing white jodhpurs and a tropical helmet. He cracks his whip, and a lot of small children in the front row cover away.

The lion-tamer goes to work on the furnishings of the cage, a suite of stools, hoops, and barrels painted red. They have been

placed with some care by the attendants at equidistant intervals around the perimeter of the cage, but the lion-tamer doesn't care for the layout. He seizes a couple of stools and throws them around. He kicks a barrel, and then like a nut beats the bars of the cage with his pole.

You can see who is the boss around here.

Now comes the great moment—the entry of the jungle beasts! There is a blast of sound from the orchestra, the lion-tamer flashes



his whip again, and out from the tunnel pour Jupiter, Flash and Flame, Sambo, Rastus and Jenny. The lions, Sambo, Rastus and Jenny quietly clamber on to their six red stools and sit there blinking sleepily in the light. As far as I am concerned the great lion-taming act is over.

There is more to come, of course. The lion-tamer pokes his whip into Sambo's face, and Sam-

bo, quite rightly, tries to push it away. Jupiter, thinking his turn is probably coming next, mutters anxiously to himself, and tries to get behind his stool. The lion-tamer leaps upon him, and beats him back on to his seat. The other lions watch this business anxiously, hoping that everyone is going to be in a good temper to-night.

Then comes the barrel-rolling, the hoop-leaping, and the final group with Jupiter at the top of the pyramid supported by his mates. During the formation of the pyramid Jenny, a shy young housewife, forgets what comes next and rushes at the barrel, thinking it's her turn for the balancing act.

The lion-tamer, giving the appearance of believing that his last hour has come, pursues Jenny round the cage with stentorian shouts. Inadvertently, he steps on Jenny's foot and Jenny lets out a yell of surprise and alarm. Two old ladies, overcome, swallow a couple of hard-centred chocolates, forgetting to remove the paper.

The pyramid is completed. The lion-tamer cracks his whip. The orchestra crashes out the final bar. The lions, thankfully perceiving that they will not be required again, break formation and scuttle off down the tunnel into the security of their private cages. In another hour or so their nerves have settled down and they can face up to a tight meal.



That's what it looks like to me from the front—just a lot of nervous lions sitting on stools and jumping through hoops—and it's always the same. The lions never sing, or do conjuring tricks, or act a short, humorous sketch. They just sit on stools and are obviously delighted when the whole thing is over.

But think of the trouble that the lion-tamer has to go through to achieve even this minor effect. He has, in the first place, to overcome his natural fear of lions—a triumph of willpower beyond the scope of nearly everybody else. He must then teach the lions to sit on stools, and all the rest of it, when the only thing that lions really like doing is jumping on small antelopes and eating them and then going to sleep in the middle of a safe bush where they won't get run over by elephants.

And, lastly, he's got to get someone to buy the act for enough money to provide food for himself, his wife, his three children, his four attendants, and, of course, Jupiter, Flash and Flame, Sambo, Rastus and Jenny. And what is he to say when the agent inquires: "What do your lions do—the usual stuff—stool-sitting, barrel-rolling, hoop-leaping?"

It seems to me to be a dead-end, and a dead-end with Jupiter, unexpectedly attacked by a wasp, suddenly blocking the exit.

You're Never To Do A Thing Like That Again

She withdrew at the close of the first act. I read the programme as slowly as possible, trying to make it last out the interval.

When she came back she was deathly pale. Her eyes were wide open. She really looked as though she had seen a ghost.

"Well," I said, appalled, "whatever is the matter with you?" She looked at me with those staring eyes. "There's another theatre, exactly like this one, at the back," she said, "but it's facing the other way."

"Don't be absurd," I said. "There couldn't be another theatre at the back. Not as big as this one, anyway. We should certainly have noticed it when we were coming in."

She leaned forward urgently. "But there is, I tell you," she cried. "I can't understand why we didn't see it."

After a moment I said, "Tell me what happened."

She gulped. "I came out of the cloakroom and walked along the passage, and there it was. It's exactly the same as this—an enormous place with the same decorations, and there were people sitting in it. But it was turned round the other way!"

Suddenly a terrible idea took hold of me. It was impossible, but I'd heard about it happening. "Are you very tired?" I said. "Do you feel queer—sort of faint, far-away?" It suddenly occurs to me that you may have gone into the fourth dimension.

"What do you mean?" she said abruptly. "The fourth dimension?" "Kind of another place," I said. "Of this plane altogether. Like the Theory of Time. You've gone into another existence."

During the next act I saw her looking through the things in her bag, reassuring herself about her own identity.

When the curtain fell, trying to make it off-hand, I said: "Here, show me this other theatre of yours."

"This way, please," said the attendant. We pushed past him. "We're just looking for something," I said.

We walked along the passage. She peered into several doorways. Suddenly she stopped. "There it is!" she whispered. "Look—it's still there!"

I stared at the huge auditorium for one moment. "You silly girl," I said. "That's where we've just been. You simply came in through the other door."

All the same, I couldn't help feeling a little disappointed about the fourth dimension.

## What The Chinese Press Is Saying

Sing Tao Jih Pao: Piracies, fires, earthquakes and other unfortunate events on this have made the public apprehensive. This apprehensiveness was evident in the recent Kwong Tung tragedy in which more than 40 passengers lost their lives as a result of panic following a small fire on board the vessel. At the time the memory of the Sai On Disaster, although a year old, was still fresh in the minds of the public.

A few days ago, a fire broke out on the Hsin Kong So while the vessel was still at sea. One can only imagine the state of mind of the passengers and the fear that gripped them.

Fortunately, however, the fire broke out when the vessel was near Lantau Island. The master of the vessel wisely beached the ship while the crew fought the fire. There were no casualties. The only loss suffered by the passengers was their luggage.

It was reported that the fire resulted from a burst oil-pipe in the engine room and in turn set alight a cargo of cassia and firecrackers—both of which burn easily. There must be many other vessels with engines as old as the Hsin Kong So's and liable to cause tragedies at sea. Therefore it is for the responsible authorities to make a thorough inspection of the engines and related equipment of ships to ensure safety in travel.

Although there is lack of plant and equipment and difficulty in obtaining replacements, the Hong Kong Government should not tolerate such excuses.

Almost everywhere in Hong Kong one can find houses in dangerous condition. Many also are the instances of house collapses resulting in casualties. Because of the housing

shortage, strict inspection of damaged buildings is not enforced. Since human lives are affected these matters should not be treated lightly.

National Times: The intrigues of the Communists have been exposed. Their latest move is "sabotage committee" for putting the whole of China, villages and cities alike, in flames of destruction. We cannot but feel deeply concerned about the future safety and security of cities in China.

Unless the authorities concerned take steps immediately to counter the sabotage movement of the Communists, they will take a lifetime to recover from the damage they will do.

### Threat

Wah Kiu Yat Po: Not only is China at present fighting the outpost battles of Russia and America, she is also in danger of division. Not long ago, news agencies reported that China was breaking up fast. Recent events have made this clearer. China is now in danger of being divided by Russia and America. Many Chinese nationals are of the opinion that the activities of the Americans in Taiwan (Formosa) are identical to the Russians in the North. Whereas, formerly Taiwan was Japan's formidable military base, today it is becoming an important military base in the Far East for America.

It has also been reported that Russia is spreading her influence in the North-east to cope with America and that America has stepped in on Taiwan to counter Russia's move. In view of this, how is it possible to prevent a division of China? And, on whom shall the responsibility for the division fall?

## India's Lunatic Fringe

Mahatma Gandhi, who dominated the Congress Party for the past 30 years, stood for a united India; irrespective of class or creed, he said Hindus, Sikhs and Moslems were all Indians just as the English, Scots and Welsh, whether Catholic or Protestant, are all British.

Against this Mohammed Ali Jinnah, on August 16, 1947, won his counter-claim that Moslems, by their religion, culture, history and civilisation, were a separate nation.

The Hindus thought that in their efforts to promote Hindu-Muslim unity the Congress Party was sacrificing too many Hindu interests to the Moslems. They formed the Hindu Assembly or Mahasabha, which stands for India for the Hindus.

It was a member of Mahasabha who assassinated Mahatma Gandhi. The Hindu Mahasabha is rather like the lunatic fringe that gathers round Sir Oswald Mosley in England. No one takes Mosley's followers very seriously because they represent only a decimal fraction of the population; but in India everything is out of size; 0.1 of 483,000,000 is 48,300,000, which is about the Mahasabha membership.

This is a lunatic fringe powerful enough to give endless trouble but not powerful enough to solve anything of itself by winning a decisive victory.

The simultaneous departure of the British and the partition of India last August led to widespread Hindu-Muslim slaughter and to the influx into India of some 4,000,000 Hindu Sikh refugees.

These embittered millions have given a tremendous impetus to the Hindu Mahasabha opposition to the Statesman-like Gandhi-Nehru policy of tolerance towards the Moslems.

Tens of thousands of homeless Hindu refugees deeply offended Moslem religious feelings by equating in the mosques left empty by emigrated Moslems. One of Gandhi's conditions for ending his last fast was that these mosques should be vacated.

Seeing what the Moslems had done to them the Hindu refugees could not understand why they should not find shelter in empty mosques. Widespread anger followed and the Mahasabha had a wonderful new propaganda platform.

Even after the separation of Pakistan from India, 40,000,000 Moslems remain in India, and the only sensible policy is to convert this huge minority into loyal Indians by treating them as fellow citizens.

But from the incoherent, hysterically unenvenomed verbiage that pours from the Hindu Mahasabha press one gathers they would like to kill off the Moslems by millions, drive millions away (thus upsetting further the precarious economic life of the country), and keep any survivors in perpetual servitude.

Gandhi's tremendous prestige with the masses enabled Premier Nehru to follow an unpopular conciliatory policy. But opposition was increasing all the time. Now that Gandhi is dead, the fear is that the safety valve has been removed. What will happen is anybody's guess.

Chinese officialdom has denied reports of Sino-American "co-operation" in developing Taiwan. But in fact, evidence of this "co-operation" can be found. Although rich in natural resources, Taiwan cannot in this respect be compared to the North-east. The Americans are aware of this but are more aware of the strategic value of Taiwan in time of war.

At first, America hoped to take control of Taiwan. Hence the frantic fabricated reports by American newspapermen that Taiwan wants to be separated from China. Now that this plan has failed American hopes to secure indirect control of Taiwan by expanding the Military Advisory Mission and by training a new Chinese army to convert Taiwan into a great military, air, and naval base.

At the same time, negotiations are in progress for the development of industry in Taiwan. If these hopes are realised, it will be impossible to prevent Taiwan falling, economically and militarily, into the hands of America.

### Pessimistic

Kung Sheng Yat Po: If it is correct that America is rendering economic and technical aid to develop Taiwan, then such aid is gladly welcome. We are certain that with such aid, Taiwan will be in a better state than she was under the Japanese.

However, if the administration of Taiwan remains as it has been for the past two years, America's economic and technical assistance will be wasted. There will be no progress.

These remarks are not intended to ridicule the Chinese authorities concerned. Past experience has made us pessimistic.

### Newsprint

Sing Tao Jih Pao: We have entered a democratic age. To put the wheels of a Government on the right tracks, there must necessarily be an educated and articulate public. Newspapers are essential, being one of the few channels through which the masses can be reached.

In South China newspapers are facing a difficult time. One of the difficulties is the inadequate allocations of newsprint.

If the Chinese Government says it is concerned about cultural development, it should take a realistic attitude to improve the situation of newspapers in South China. Adequate allocations of newsprint in turn lessens the economic burdens of both newspaper managements and newspaper readers.

General Wu Teh-chen has promised to take the matter up with the Central authorities. We trust he will do so immediately.

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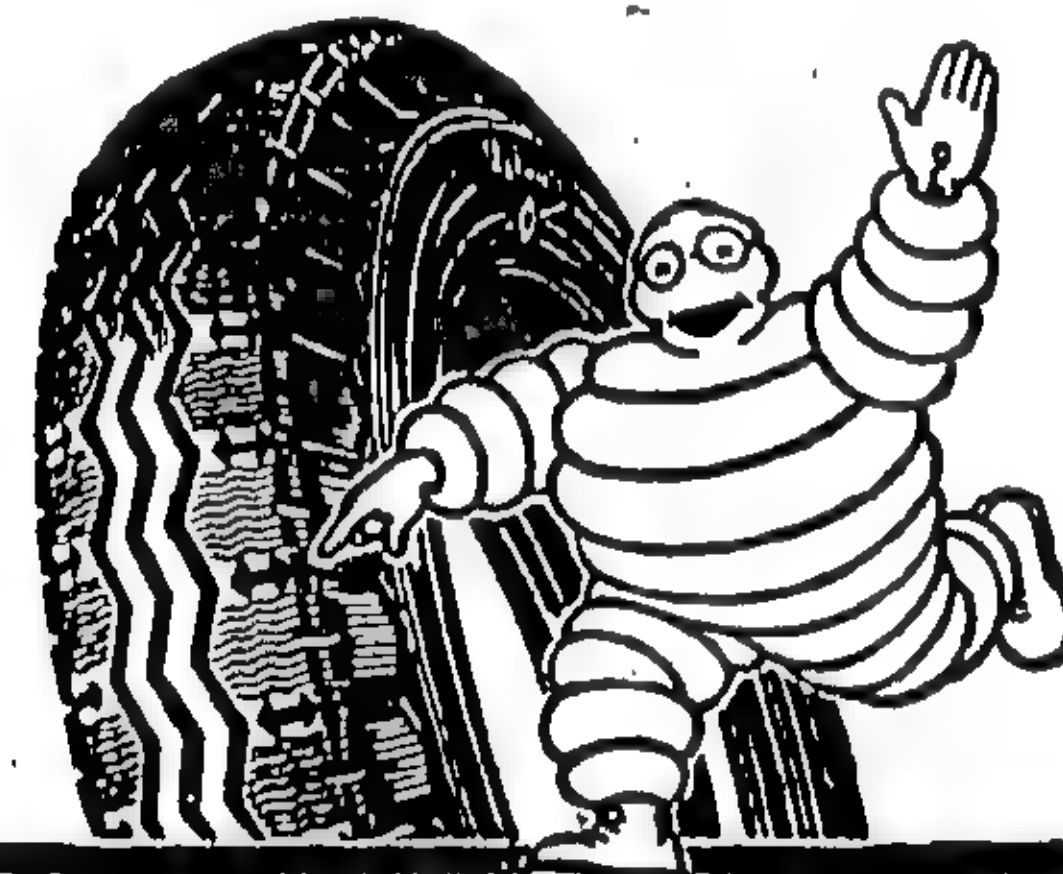
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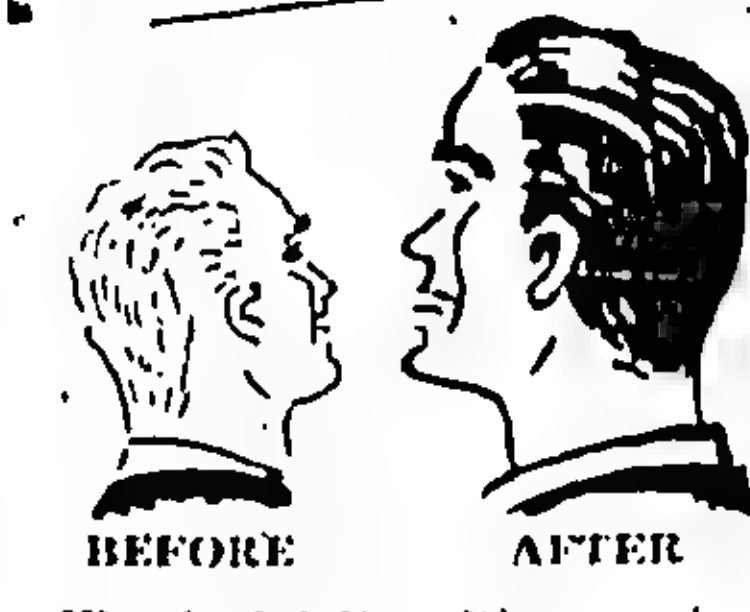
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### Kidnaps School-Girl Bride

Blackshear, Feb. 13. Police, armed with a warrant charging kidnapping, were today searching for a "boy friend" alleged to have whisked off a 14-year-old school girl a quarter of an hour after she had married an 18-year-old farm hand.

The girl, blue-eyed Mildred Aspinwall Teston, has returned to her home after a week, and has told Sheriff Taylor that the former boy friend, James B. Davis, drove off with her in a car as her husband stood bewildered at a roadside cafe.

She said they eloped together in the car every night and had been on "a wild ride" to a mountain spot in Tennessee.

The husband, Doniver Teston, said that annulment proceedings had been filed. Earlier, Teston, after hearing the girl's story that she tried to get away from Davis but that he was "afraid even to move," said: "I'll take her back if this isn't her fault. I don't blame her for anything." Reuter.

### 2,000,000 VICTIMS

Nanking, Feb. 13. Kala-Azar is rampant in 18 provinces and nine municipalities in China and more than 2,000,000 are suffering from the disease, states an official statement from the Ministry of Health last night.

The situation in Kiangsu is particularly grave as over 500,000 persons in 17 towns have been stricken.

Other affected areas are Hunan, Shantung, Anhwei, Kiangnan and in the north-western provinces. Reuter AAP.

Washington, Feb. 13. The administration's 51-month European Recovery Programme was approved tentatively by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tonight, with a proviso limiting initial spending to US\$5,300,000,000 over a 12-month period, beginning April 1.

The Committee's unanimous decision is subject to review at the final meeting on Tuesday, but there appears little doubt the aid bill will go to the Senate floor in its present form.

It was a clear-cut victory for President Truman and his Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall), who had demanded repeatedly of Congress an "adequate" and continuing programme of aid to the 16 Western European nations or abandonment of the entire project.

The administration originally had proposed spending US\$6,800,000,000 over the initial 15 months, beginning April 1. The Senate Committee cut the sum to US\$5,300,000,000.

The Committee also cut the time to 12 months to permit a Congressional review of the situation early next year, but maintained practically the same spending rate proposed by the President and Mr. Marshall.

The Committee bill was a set-back for Senator Robert Taft, Republican, Ohio, and other Senate Republicans "revisionists" who favoured cutting

spending to US\$5,000,000,000 or less for the first 15 months and limiting initial aid commitment to that length of time.

As tentatively approved, the bill would pledge the United States, subject to certain conditions, to help in the economic reconstruction of Western Europe until June 30, 1952.

The administration's original plan had calculated that the full 51-month programme would

### March 1st Debate

The Committee chairman (Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican from Michigan) said legislation would be brought to the Senate floor for debate on March 1 and indicated his personal conviction that it would pass without too great opposition, even from the revisionists.

"I think the present Committee draft represents a meeting of many minds in respect to this very complex problem and the result is wholly in keeping with the basic concept and a really great improvement upon the original (administration) formula in many critical aspects," he said.

Senator Vandenberg said that by limiting initial spending authorization to 12 months, Congress would be able to go over all critical aspects. At the end of that time, legislators would have the benefit of recommendations of the ERP administrator and "most important of all," would be able to judge the extent to which the European states are helping themselves, he added.—United Press.

## U.S. Relief Plan For China

Nanking, Feb. 14. The United States Embassy here announced last night that of the US\$18,000,000 funds appropriated by Congress for relief assistance to China, US\$15,000,000 will be utilized for the procurement of wheat and rice, US\$1,000,000 for medical supplies and US\$500,000 for pesticides and seed for food.

These funds will be included with the previous allocation of US\$27,000,000 which is being administered under the auspices of the China Relief Mission of the Embassy and in accordance with the articles of the agreement signed between the United States and China last October.

It will be recalled that the original grant of US\$27,000,000 was used largely for the purchase of foodstuffs, a considerable portion of which has already arrived in China or is now on the ocean on the way here.

Because of the progress that has been made in the Chinese Government's efforts to promote better utilization of imported food supplies by the introduction of distribution controls in coastal urban centres, the United States State Department has authorized the expenditure of most of the new appropriation for the further procurement of wheat and rice.

Over 15 Millions  
More than US\$15,000,000 of the new funds will be utilized for this purpose and are expected to give China an additional 19,000 tons of wheat and 48,000 tons of rice including all shipping charges.

The Chinese Government is expected to announce shortly its programme of utilizing these stocks and other basic food supplies in the hands of the National Government to introduce a rationing programme which will provide major coastal population centres with an adequate minimum supply of food during the critical months of the late winter and spring.—Reuter-AAP.

**Mars Is The Cynosure**  
New York, Feb. 13. The big telescopes of the world are now being pointed at Mars in new observations seeking to determine whether life exists on that planet.

The closest look will come next week, when Mars is 63,000,000 miles away.

Scientists of MacDonald observatory already have an 82-inch reflecting telescope in action. This telescope, the third largest in the world, will magnify the planet 500 to 600 times, making it appear as an oversized full moon to the eye.

Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper, Director of the Yerkes and MacDonald observatories, hopes to learn whether water and green vegetation are present. If this is determined it might be speculated that animal life also exists on the planet.

The MacDonald astronomers will use a wartime development, an infra-red spectrophotometer, to observe infra-red spectrum both on the polar cap and green areas of Mars. The spectrophotometer already has revealed the presence of ammonia in the Mars atmosphere.

The scientists point out that if the polar caps of Mars are frost-caps, spectra should appear black in the lower limits of infra-red. Snow and ice on earth record black. Trees and grass will be black, too, because they contain water.—United Press.

Budapest, Feb. 13. Dr. Zoltan Tildy, the Hungarian President, and a Hungarian Government delegation headed by the Prime Minister, M. Lajos Dinnyes, were leaving for Moscow tonight. The President is going as the guest of the Soviet Government, and the delegation to negotiate a pact of friendship with the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

**Rockefeller Heir Weds**  
Palm Beach, Florida, Feb. 12. Winthrop Rockefeller, 36, heir to the oil millions left by his grandfather, John D. Rockefeller, will marry vivacious blonde Barbara Sears, 31, of Lithuanian parentage, here tomorrow.

The ceremony will be performed in the presence of a few friends in the lakehouse on the estate of polo player Winston Guest.

Mrs. Sears, former wife of Richard Sears, Jr., third secretary of the American Embassy in Paris, is well known in society. Her divorce from Sears was obtained last October.—Associated Press.

### British Espionage School

London, Feb. 14. Britain is asking the Lebanese Government to consent to the transfer from the Transjordan to Lebanon of a British school for training spies to work in the Orient, said a Tass message Friday from Beirut, quoting press reports.

The dispatch was distributed in London by the Soviet monitor service.—Associated Press.

### Gandhi Murderer In Bombay

Bombay, Feb. 13. Mohandas K. Gandhi's assassin has been flown to Bombay from New Delhi, it was learned today.

The special plane carrying the assassin, Nataraj Vyayak, Godse, arrived in Bombay before dawn on Thursday. Elaborate precautions had been taken against attempts at suicide.

Police reported they traced a Bombay driver engaged by Godse for visits to friends just before the assassination.—Associated Press.

### WAAF Chief Bound East

Northolt, Feb. 12. Air Commandant P.H. Hanbury, Director of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, is leaving Northolt airport on Sunday to carry out an inspection of all Royal Air Force stations in the Middle East and the Far East, on which WAAF are serving.

The purpose of her visit is to assure herself that conditions of overseas stations are suitable for women and that adequate facilities exist for recreation and leave when the WAAF overseas' posting policy is brought into line with that of the RAF.

Air Commandant Hanbury's tour will last about one month.—Reuter.

## Aimless 4-Month Voyage

Suva, Feb. 13. Ronald Ernest Johnson was towed to Fiji on board his engineless submarine chaser today by the Canadian freighter "Fort Cadotte" after an aimless voyage of more than four months from Honolulu.

He said he sailed much of the time stern first, having found by experiment that the craft made better time that way.

The 38-year-old Briton, long a resident of Australia and New Zealand, was in good condition. He said he supplemented his rations with fish and had plenty of water.

Johnson said he bought the former American vessel and left Honolulu on October 8 in tow of the "Taurus," another submarine. Two days later the fire parted in heavy seas, and he chose to try to sail his ship 2,400 miles south to Tahiti alone.

He had not been reported until the "Fort Cadotte" encountered him on Wednesday 100 miles East of the Fijis and about 2,100 miles West of Tahiti.

Johnson said that he had a fair idea of his latitude but a broken chronometer prevented his estimating his longitude until he sighted a Fiji-Hawaii plane recently and made a good guess.—Associated Press.

### Youngest Dominion

New York, Feb. 12. The New York Times, welcoming Ceylon as the "youngest Dominion," said editorially today: "Ceylon takes its place as a Dominion with bright prospects for the future."

"This 24,000 square miles of tropical isle is only a 'jewel on the map of India,' but it is a valuable one. Because of its strategic position in the Indian Ocean between Australia and the Homeland, the British reserve the right to guard its communications (and their own) and protect it from external aggression."

"Within its confines, there is much to protect for it is an important source of gems, pearls, sapphires, tea, rubber, copra and spices. The world trade with its capital, Colombo, is far greater than its population would warrant. The people of Ceylon are not troubled by the hills that afflict Pakistan and Hindustan. Nor does political turmoil that spreads unrest in Burma exist on the island.—Reuter.

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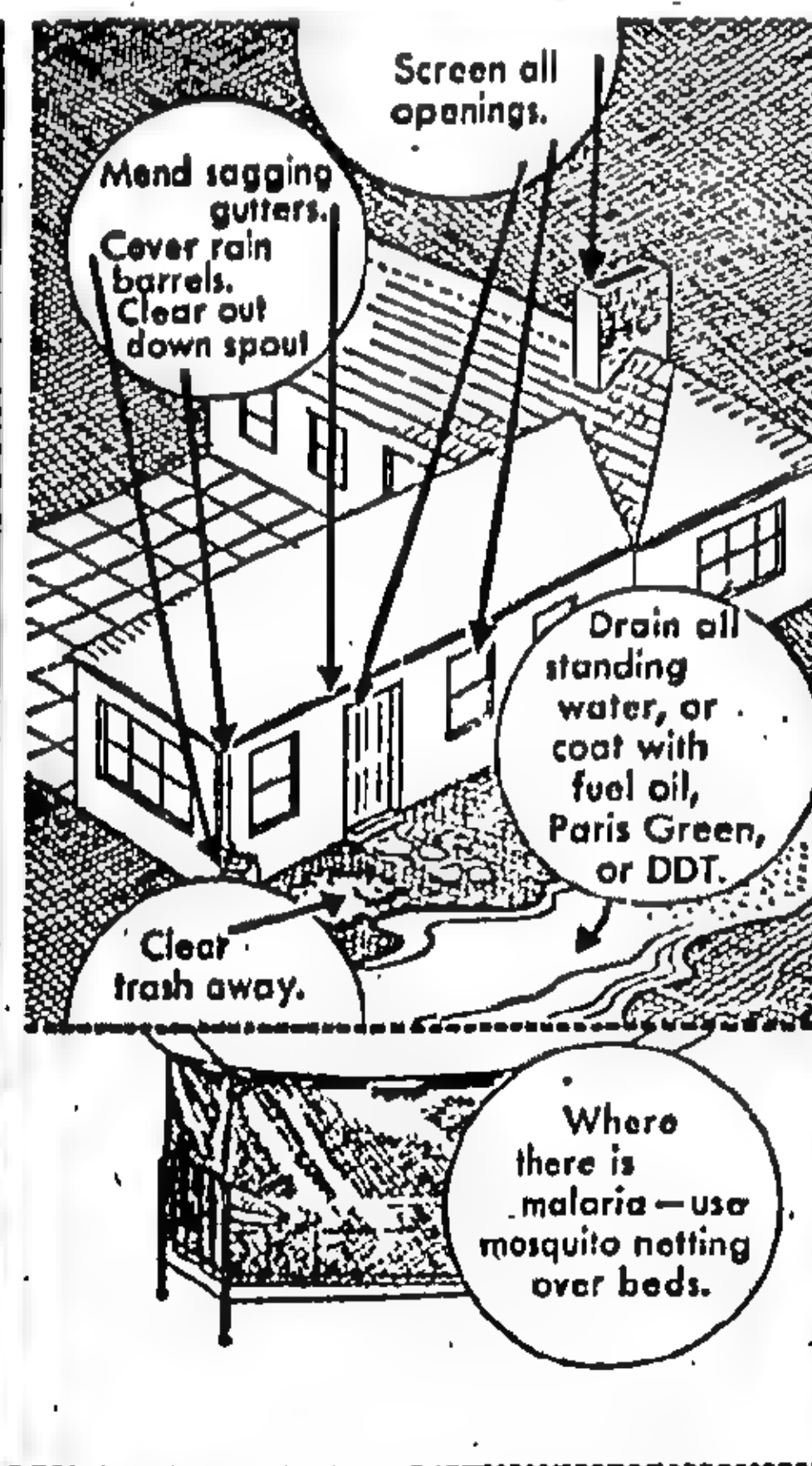
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## BETWEEN OURSELVES NEW DRESSY SUITS FEATURE ROUNDED LINES

By JANET MARTIN

There is always room in the wardrobe for a "dressy suit" ... especially when Spring is approaching.

You still want something warm, but there are so many occasions which call for something more than a coat or a woolen dress, or for something less formal than your classic tailor-made.

The impact of the new silhouette has wrought a great change in suit styles, giving to their design more imagination and more variety than we have seen for many years. Quite a large number of accepted rules for suits have been thrown to the winds.

For instance, it need no longer have a slim, fitting skirt, with or without pleats. It need not be either double or single breasted—in fact, many women who have never felt that they look their best in suits, may take another look at some of the new ones and then change their minds.

The old shoulder line has gone too. No military squareness, no exaggerated padding. The new shoulders are still padded, but less obviously, with no sharp squared off corners.

And here, I cannot help adding that it would do some of our men-folk good if they followed suit.

Last Of The Uplift's

We have heard quite a number of comments re the New Look ... most of them disapproving. I fear, and chiefly, so far as can be ascertained, for the reason

that knees are being withdrawn from public view. So it may not be inappropriate to draw attention to the fact that, at the same time, we are abandoning the several inches of uplift and overhang which are the cause of so many unsightly wrinkles around the armpit.

Illustrated is one of the most delightful of the new suits, worn by Ann Sheridan, Warner Bros. star. The whole line and emphasis lies in the narrowing effect of the waist treatment, a refined modification of the "hour glass" figure. The jacket is collarless, with small revers and high link buttons, below which it is cut away sharply to the close-fitting waist, revealing the contrasting waistcoat. The skirt is full at the hips, the fullness being gathered into unpressed folds at the waist, and narrows again at the hem, emphasising the hips. Note the high "stock" fronted blouse worn under the waistcoat.

Sweeps And Swathes

A recent "Mollie" model in fine black cloth also features this "hourglass" effect by means of "folded seams" in the jacket which meet at a point on the waistline. This suit has a flat velvet collar with wide points at the front and two large velvet pannier pockets set well below the waistline to add width to the hips. Worn with a velvet toque surmounted by a plume of eug feathers and finished with a cameo tied round the neck in a velvet ribbon, it is an ideal suit for winter cocktail parties.

Another suit which pleased me very much is one which features the popular asymmetrical line. Wrapping well over, the tapering line of the revers is carried on by means of a folded seam, swinging back to the right hand side in a complete semi-circle. There is just one pocket, a large oval patch at the right, where the folded seam ends. The skirt has three flare panels in front.

Paris has gone much further than London in ripping out the shoulder padding. Christian Dior uses the dolman sleeve, sloping shoulders without padding at all, sleeves widening into bell-like cuffs.

One of his suits has a rippling peplum, standing out like a miniature ballet skirt, and is worn over a long slim hubble skirt. Another has a short, fitted jacket with only the merest suggestion of a flare at the waist and edged with a narrow band of astrakhan. The skirt swirls cut in a myriad of flared panels.

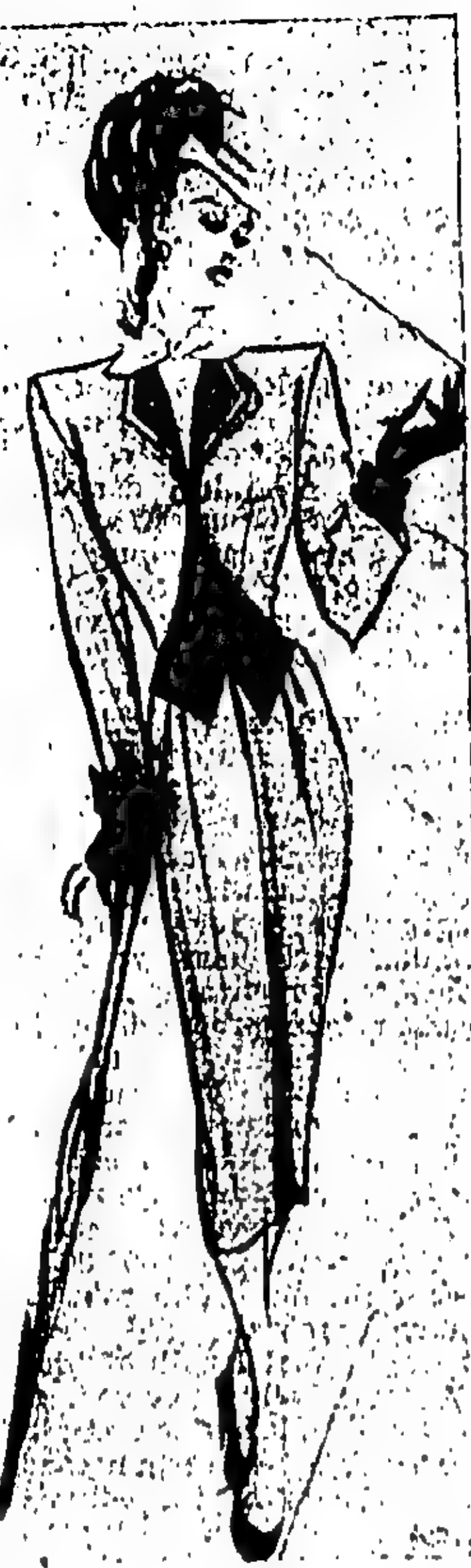
These models are worn with the newest of Paris millinery—the toque slung on the side-of-the-back-of-the-head.

### CREAM SCHEMES

If cream will not whip, try adding the white of an egg to it. Chill both the cream and egg thoroughly, and then whip together.

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From Hollywood



Ann Sheridan, Warner Bros. star, models this striking ensemble (see story). Note the umbrella, new one of Fashion's favourites with girls.

## Beauty Conforms To New Look Glamour

By CLAUDIA

Beauty, as always, must follow fashion. The new silhouette, with its emphasis on curves, the new clothes with their accent on femininity, all call for a new orientation of our outlook on beauty.

Fashion has gone back to the softly feminine days of the Victorian era and with the new styles, the hair-dos and make-up which "went" with austerity suits and rather mannish tailored dresses are just not suitable any longer.

Today there must be no over exaggeration...no more acute angled eyebrows, no more squared off mouths, no more greenish tinted makeups slashed with magenta lips...all these are outside the pale of the New Look.

Start with your powder foundation, choosing one that is just a hint warmer than the tone of your skin. You can find cream, liquid or cake foundations in a well chosen range of skin tones, but never be tempted—or mislead—into buying one that is too light.

This warm tone of your foundation should be repeated in face powder of a slightly lighter shade. Combining the two, you will find that you have achieved a most natural bloom far, far more attractive than the most skillfully applied "pallor."

### Clear Tones

Unless you have a natural colour in the right place, you will need to use a little rouge. Choose a clear, soft tone, not too bright, and use it sparingly in the daytime, blending carefully according to the shape of your face and softening away the edges of the patch of colour so that it blends into the skin as naturally as possible.

Lip outlines should be more softly rounded, with a touch of the "cupid's bow" in evidence. No over emphasis, either of the cupid's bow or of the squaring out of the corners.

Colours in lipstick have never been more attractive. We do not want the "scarlet gash" any more, but we have an infinite variety of subtle shades to choose from when we are matching our make-up with our ensembles.

A slight hint of blue in the red of your lipstick gives a tone which will combine with many shades in a way the old, harsh cyclamen colours never did. I have been experimenting with some of the latest "black" lipsticks. They are of the field of Beauty.

deepest wine red, rather the colour of black grapes or blackberries. With a magnolia skin and black hair they are perfect, and by artificial light, they look almost black, but I have also found that they can look ravishing on blondes too. The secret is to apply the colour lightly and to blend it into the lips with special care so that there is no unevenness in the depth of colour. Then you get one of the most lovely lipstick tints that I have seen.

Eyebrows too, have to draw in their wings a little. Keep to the natural outline as far as possible, trimming away the stray hairs and using only a touch of the eyebrow pencil for emphasis at the outer ends. Do not have golden hair and deep black brows...if your hair is fair, choose a brown pencil or, if you must use black, use a light hand.

Hairstyles still give us plenty of scope, but there is no doubt that the new fashions in clothes, with so many more frills and ecoteras, do not favour loose hanging hair or cascades rippling over the shoulders. Your hairstyle may be as simple as you like, or as elaborate, provided that you keep its outline neat.

### Buns With Bustles

The most up-to-date in hair styles is the bun...coiled, swathed or platted and as large as possible, placed low on the neck, at the Grecian angle, or even on the top. Buns cannot, of course, be grown overnight, but you can arrange bunches of curls to give the same outline and effect, or wear one of the many ingenious switches which are in great demand just now.

I am a very firm adherent to the policy of choosing hairstyles to suit faces, not fashions, but, keeping the general rule for your own face in mind, there is plenty of scope, even for a bun, and the front hair can always be arranged to suit the particular requirements of the individual.

For those long, narrow faces which need a balance of hair showing at the sides, the bun is, of course, out, but if the hair has been worn long and flowing, now is the time to have it cut shorter and arranged in curls or rolls coming to jaw or mid-neck level.

Then, the necklines of suits will be preserved and the New Look receive its complement in lipstick. They are of the field of Beauty.

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## Between Ourselves: Continued from Page 16

## DESIGNING FOR A PRINCESS To 1948

The experts who design Princess Elizabeth's clothes face many trials—not the least being the necessity for keeping one eye on the dollar question.

By Glen Williams

LONDON. British fashion designers are banking on Princess Elizabeth the nation's darling—to turn the dollar earning tide of style to these islands.

The Princess has a lot of assets to help them realize their aspiration. One of the greatest of these is the fact that she is an actual Princess, Heiress Presumptive to the British throne.

She also has liabilities, not least of which is that the House of Windsor is extremely conservative and dislikes the personal conspicuousness that attends the vanguard of fashion.

Some critics suggest that Elizabeth has little chance of leading fashion outside her own country.

For instance, one American woman who has lived in Britain for more than a year, asserted that the Princess is "too conservative and her clothes always seem out of date."

This style conscious—and, incidentally, well-dressed—woman remarked, too, that "the Princess looks as though her Mother picked out all her clothes."

The Queen does see every garment her daughter buys, but there is no indication that she does more than make a few suggestions.

The London Sunday paper, "The People," suggested that the Princess would "bring better taste and therefore better morale to women at home."

Elizabeth has an excellent figure and she has the services of Britain's topmost fashion designers at her beck and call.

Her measurements are reportedly to include a 24-inch waist. Her bust tapes 35 inches, hips the same. However, she is somewhat shorter than the ideal dress model.

In a consequent need for help dressing to make the best of her five feet six inches. Her position as a Princess inflicts many restrictions.

All her hats must expose her face from any direction. Floppy ones that would conceal one's profile or hide her eyes are out because of the disappointment they might inflict on patient subjects, waiting along the street to glimpse her.

Skirts must be loose enough to permit graceful entrance or exit of an automobile yet not so full as to be embarrassing in a ship-deck gale; they must be long enough to prevent embarrassment on a speaking platform; the cloth must not twist when she walks or ride up when she sits.

Elizabeth also has definite likes and dislikes in clothes. Favorite colours are pastel shades of green, almond beige, or lime; she dislikes black.

For evening wear she likes lace or crimson silk plainly made up with high-neck lines and long sleeves.

Court circles say she heartily dislikes "The New Look," preferring a hemline at least 14 inches from the floor.

She almost never makes a casual purchase, even of a hat—which is coupon free—but clings to her Mother's custom of placing two annual orders, one for Spring and Summer wear, the other for Autumn and Winter clothes.

As a rule, she has three fittings before the garments are completed and the Queen always sees her clothes at some stage in the process. Ever King George sometimes sits in to give his opinion on a major number.

The Royal dressmakers have many problems besides the appearance of their charges.

Hats, besides providing an open view of the face, must fit perfectly; tight enough to stay in place in a wind, yet not so tight as to make them uncomfortable.

Day shoes must fit perfectly and most of them need to be designed for comfort and foot support to obviate excessive tiredness during days when the Princess tours factories or makes other visits that require her to be on her feet for long periods.

Evening shoes must not only be attractive, but the Princess insists that every pair be suitable for dancing—and she dances anything from dreamy waltzes to wild Highland reels.

## Beauty And The Brain

By VICTOR MAMAK

"Charm in a woman is common—intelligence rare."

The above, and its equivalent American catch-phrase, "Beautiful but dumb," are often used by men in relation to an immaculate and attractively groomed woman of good looks.

Both are incorrect observations, inasmuch as their inference and implication is that only the brainless women are fit subjects for the beauty parlours and that the intelligent woman considers self-adornment a waste of time.

In my opinion just the reverse is true. Men, who are the principal users of this phrase, are, ironically enough, most often fooled by the 'beautiful but dumb' type, and believe me it takes an intelligent woman to do that. That femme fatale, Mata Hari, in spite of her possessing intelligence of a high (or low) order, could not have been such a successful spy had she not been equally attractive.

## Importance Of Glamour

A woman who is interested in her appearance, and takes full advantage of her assets to present herself as attractively as she possibly can, shows, logically, intelligence of some merit, and is certainly a credit to her sex; the word 'dumb' applies to the women who are strangers to the truth of this statement.

In every walk of life, a woman's first and most important job is to look her best and be pleasantly attractive. Whether she be a maid or a Doctor of Medicine—housewife or hostess—pickpocket or a politician—salesgirl or cinema star—stenotypist or an executive—whether she is a barber or a bride, she will find that everything she does to make herself attractive is to her advantage.

Beauty in a woman is a matter of great importance, not only to herself but also to posterity. For it is only a healthy woman who can be a beautiful woman. In my opinion, Beauty Culture should form a part of every girl's education after the age of sixteen. She should be taught all branches of it. Her first duty should be to guard her youthfulness and attractiveness at all costs.

Such a girl would make a beautiful mother, and a well-groomed and attractive mother is bound to make a good impression on her children. There is, however, a type of husband who objects even to the use of a lipstick by his wife and often discourages her whenever she tries to be fastidious about her looks. I'm afraid that type is either (a) conservative in his views, (b) jealous by nature or (c) the type who admires attractiveness in every woman except his wife.

Lemons seem to be in the forefront today. To keep lemons fresh and moist indefinitely, put them in a glass jar and screw the lid on tightly. Place the jar in a refrigerator.

Adhesive tape marks can be removed easily by rubbing with benzine or kerosene. Rub with a soft cloth.



## IRELAND GOES TO AMERICA

BY BARBARA BUNDSCHU

New York, Jan. (U.P.)

Traditional Irish clothes, things like the kiltie and whisk—along with the heather hopper and the killybeg—should be easy for Americans to buy.

They're all part of Miss Schnurer's collection of play and beachwear. Miss Schnurer went to Ireland to pick up the kiltie.

She learned that Irish women wear a red flannel petticoat at. That's the kiltie—from which she designed a skirt with a full-flaring slit and a built-up, boned midriff. It's teamed with a spanking white blouse with a touch of shamrock over the heart.

The whisk was worn by Irish country schoolteachers. It's a blue, red and white plaid cotton pinfold with a square neckline that's worn over a pretty blouse to school. When school is over, the blouse whisks off and the teacher is ready for dancing.

## Shorts And Shawls

The heather hopper is Miss Schnurer's Irish version of good old-fashioned shorts—whipped up in a handsome oatmeal cotton tweed treated to minimize the wrinkles. This, too, has a built-up midriff, and suspenders.

The shawl that flirts with sunlight or moonshine comes from

Last week Anna Karenina came to London Theatres in bustle and bonnet of the 1880's, but surprisingly helpful with ideas for 1948 fashion accessories; maybe because the new feminine look is really an old-fashioned look.

Philippa's two portraits of Victoria Leigh (who is Anna in the film) show her in outfits that have details worth copying. The black velvet and net gown (left) is being copied with slight modifications, by one manufacturer for sale in England next autumn. Its neck edging is unusual. Velvet ribbon is doubled up into four-loop rosettes, a sequin on each loop—an attractive trimming for shoulders or apron front of tailored modern dress.

The glittering stars Anna is wearing in her hair in this portrait are ordinary Christmas tree tinsel once—film fashion designer Cecil Beaton's suggestion for evening jewellery at low cost. The trick of catching a pearl choker with a cameo brooch is also a useful one if your pearls are not as good-looking as you would like.



—JOYA BEGG.

the fishing women, and goes with whatever seems fitting. Two are made in the hand-screened cotton prints which June Groll has made up to the designer's tales of mingling mists of sea blue and Ireland green. One paints two shades of muted green on gray fog; another dancing sunlit shanrocks on bright blue. Both are worn with matching full anklelength, bare-shouldered dresses for dancing or whatever.

The piper girl band of Dublin lend their plaided kilts to the American bathing beauty in another adaptation from Ireland. Over it Miss Schnurer may recommend a killybeg beach-coat—short, straight and zipped up the front.

Or maybe she'd rather cover the suit with the coat right off the jockey who won the Irish Sweepstakes—a precise copy in gray and orange cotton poplin of a cross-banded riding coat.

## Fashions Change — And So Do Foundations

The New Look in frocks features smaller waists, bigger hips, and longer skirts. To fit into these shapes the fashion in figures is changing, too.

The latest "perfect shape" is a rounded bustline, higher diaphragm, and bulkier hips. There are two ways of achieving ideal proportions—if you really want to. One is by force—corsets and such—and the other by illusion.

Take illusion first, because it is by far the most pleasant subject, and certainly costs less. There are several ways of making your waist look smaller—even if it isn't. Many designers are concentrating on dresses for this purpose, reasoning that women who have been more or less unconstricted for years will not want to return to the days of hugging the bedpost while somebody places a restraining foot in the middle of their back.

## Sleeves And Necklines

Bulkiness above and below the operational area is the favorite scenic stonier. Leg-of-mutton sleeves, with large bell-like tops, cut a waistline down, and so do heavy tucks, quiltings and ruchings at the hem.

The long V-neckline so beloved of Christian Dior draws emphasis away from the waist, and so do a large variety of Grandmother's-day collars now appearing in the news. Fichu-like collars, shawl collars, collars that stand away from the neck at the back and open out in front—all of these slim the waistline down to practically nothing, with no trouble at all.

But since Might will triumph where hopefulness won't, there is still the corset to help fashion along. New York stores are making quite a feast of waist-corsets, though so far America's general seems to be the most enthusiastic advocate of the restraining influence.

Small waist belts, about 8 inches long, usually boned for strength, support without hindrance.

and are shaped to accentuate below-waist roundness. They are available in most colours—peach, white, ivory, black, blue, and even in brocades.

## For Larger Figures

Larger figures are catered for in corsets which extend as high as three inches above the natural waistline, shrinking the waist and giving the new "high" look at the same time. All-in-one foundations are here, too, as well as a new version of the all-in-one, which stops just below the waist.

Most of these foundations have taken up the idea of school-days—they have long garters attached to them like the ones children hopelessly wear to keep their black stockings up.

Black lace over black satin, maize and blue are popular among the New York elite. Ruffles, zagging and lace trim the new models, adding a touch of femininity—if one is needed, which is doubtful.

It is hard to understand why everybody has spent such a lot of money and time in the last twenty years buying short skirts and up-and-down corsets, when if they had had just a little patience they would have no problems today. Or very few.

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## SENATOR DEMANDS ENQUIRY INTO PRICE-RIGGING

Washington, Feb. 13. Senator Milton R. Young, Republican, today called for full investigation of the commodity exchanges to determine if the price break was the result of "rigging."

He said he will ask the Senate Speculation Sub-committee to find out whether other members of the Chicago Board of Trade followed the "identical trading pattern" of Edwin T. Maynard, who made upwards of \$300,000 in four days of trading last week while many other operators were losing heavily.

## FARM PRICES DROP

Washington, Feb. 13. Wholesale prices of seven key farm products now are back to where they were on the last Friday, the 13th—eight months ago.

Today American housewives are finding the wholesale declines in the prices of butter, meat and other items on their shopping lists.

On Friday, June 13, last year prices were on an upswing, especially for meat and dairy products. Now the pendulum has swung back again.

A check of Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals that since the market break opened February 4 there has been a 17 per cent drop in the wholesale prices of wheat, barley, corn, cotton, hogs, steers and wool.

Other items on the Bureau's wholesale list are holding steady. These include house furnishings, food and lighting, building materials, metal products, etcetera.

So far, the plunge has been confined to the most sensitive items on the list—agricultural products. But economists point out that this means quick relief to the average family since food costs are the ones that strain the budget of most wage earners.—Associated Press.

## Paris Gold Market

Paris, Feb. 13. Nervous trading marked the first week of gold trading in gold coins, with many big changes. These unsettled conditions were attributed to the "open war" between black market dealers in gold coins and official brokers, who are now to handle the free market.

Brokers, although getting official support, were vulnerable to big speculative operations due to the poor stocks of gold.

Profiting by black market operators, who were able to get supplies at cheaper prices than the official dealers, resulted in large sales, while it is believed that the fall in prices was due to government intervention on a restricted scale.

The feature of late trading was the narrowing difference between French Napoleon and Swiss Louis. The latter, although it has the same gold percentage, is always quoted lower, as prices in Switzerland under those in France.

This difference is now tending to disappear as the public considers more the value of its gold. Consequently switching operations from Napoleons to Louis started to-day.—Reuter.

**JAP. TRADE**

Tokyo, Feb. 13. A Dutch steamship, the Stralt Suanda (7,200 tons) arrived at Nagoya, Central Honshu, yesterday to load 600 tons of ceramic and porcelain ware for Java.

The loading of 790 tons of ceramic and porcelain ware destined for the United States began yesterday aboard a British vessel, the Indian Navigator (7,650 tons).

The vessel is scheduled to leave Nagoya today.—Reuter.

**Anglo-Soviet Trade Negotiations**

London, Feb. 13. Amid the noisy diplomatic battle between East and West, Russia has quietly opened negotiations in London for multi-million-dollar purchases of British industrial and scientific equipment to implement the recent Anglo-Russian trade pact.

Authoritative Soviet sources said the permanent Russian trade delegation here had opened negotiations with representatives of British industries and the Board of Trade for placing orders within the scope of the agreement.

Soviet experts were summoned from Moscow to advise the delegation in negotiations and other experts will be called as the necessity arises.

The biggest order is expected to be placed with a North England locomotive works, an order for 1,000 narrow gauge locomotives estimated to cost some US\$10,000,000 according to British business quarters. Delivery would be spread over a 32-month period.

Britain does not guarantee delivery, but said it would facilitate "in every way possible" arrangements of Soviet contracts with British firms for engineering and other equipment.

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## Producers Warned

Moscow, Feb. 13. Top trade officials warned producers today that they must be prepared for a possible embargo against the Soviet State if they continued to pass off shoddy goods, poor service and false labels.

N. Tikhomirov, head of the State Section of the Soviet Executive Committee of Moscow City, said this practice was permitted under wartime emergencies but it must stop now.—United Press.

## N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Feb. 13. Recoveries were achieved by selected stocks in the New York market today, but many market leaders suffered from neglect. The overall average recorded its first advance of the week. Professional short covering and other buying again was based on the idea a technical comeback was due. Top marks of a point or so were attained in many cases at the close. Transfers totaled \$20,000,000.

Among gainers were: Firestone Tire, Allied Chemical, Santa Fe, American Woolen, Warner Bros. Gulf Oil, Lucas Industries, Western Union, United Fruit, Texas Company, Phillips Petroleum, Dow Jones Average: Stocks 60.12; 20 Industrials 163.53, 16 Rails 48.55, 10 Utilities 31.73.

Closing stock quotations—Adams Express 14 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 70, American Smelting 47 1/2, American Telephone 149, American Tobacco 62 1/2, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 31, Avon Corp. 4 1/2, Baiting Locomotive 12 1/2, Borden 31 1/2, Borden Aircraft 22 1/2, Borden Steel 31 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 22 1/2, Borden Corp. 30 1/2, Canadian Pacific 11 1/2, Case 37 1/2, Chrysler 44 1/2, Colgate 30, Commercial Solvent 20 1/2, Corn Products 62 1/2, Dupont 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 38 1/2, Electric Light & Power 13 1/2, General Electric 33 1/2, General Motors 61 1/2, Goodrich 61 1/2, Goodyear 40 1/2, Hummel 21 1/2, International Harvester 62 1/2, International Paper 44 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 11 1/2, Johns Manville 35, Kennecott Copper 42 1/2, Montgomery Ward 40, National Distillers 19 1/2, National Lead 31 1/2, New York City 12 1/2, Packard Motor 41 1/2, Pan American Airways 43 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2, Radio Corp. 8, Real Silk 10 1/2, Republic Steel 22 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/2, Schenck 20 1/2, Sears Roebuck 23 1/2, Shell Oil 21, Sweeney Vacuum 15 1/2, Southern Pacific 45 1/2, Standard Brands 23 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 57 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 20, Studebaker 17 1/2, Union Pac. 28 1/2, Union Carbide 62 1/2, US Rubber 40, US Steel 60, US Lines 18 1/2, Westinghouse 20, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 61 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 11 1/2.—Associated Press.

Ithaca, N.Y., Feb. 13. A fire destroyed the high voltage laboratory at Cornell University during the night. The research center was one of the most complete college laboratories in the United States and the Director estimated a loss of over \$1,000,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.—Reuter.

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**List Of Items**

The official list of items Russia intends to purchase includes 1,100 narrow gauge locomotives, US\$600,000 worth of scientific and laboratory apparatus, 2,400 ft. tractor, 2,400 ft. winches, 2,100 excavators, 54 caterpillar loading cranes, 14 tugs, four dredges, 24 steam power turbine stations, US\$4,000,000 worth of plywood equipment, US\$1,500,000 worth of timber mill equipment, voltage transformers and 50-kilowatt mobile diesel electric generators, ten sets of oil purifying apparatus and 300 of 100,000-kilowatt electric motors.

The contracts will be spread over a period of two to four years, but will be arranged before May 1.—United Press.

## London Stock Exchange

London, Feb. 13. Following yesterday's Parliamentary debate on the Government's White Paper on the wage and profits question, a better feeling prevailed throughout today's London's stock markets.

Among industrial shares were singled out with Woodworth recording a 6d rise to around 1/4 and other leading issues were quietly firmer. Oil shares were in demand with widespread gains resulting in Anglo-Iranian 8/18 higher at 5-7/8 and Shell new 6d higher at 4/9.

In the foreign rail market, San Paulo ordinary moved higher on hopes of an early completion to the takeover; the ordinary stock experiencing 5-1/2 point increase at 162.

The all-India section continued to advance with scattered improvements of up to one quarter. Good demand for Kafirs persisted and shares when offered were quickly absorbed.

All sections of the market closed steady with a firmer undertone.

**SECURITIES:**  
British Consols, 2 1/2, 100-1/4  
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2, 100-1/4  
Funding Loan, 4 1/2, 100-1/4  
War Loan, 5 1/2, 100-1/4  
War Bonds, 3 1/2, 100-1/4  
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**RAILWAY SHARES:**  
British Transport, 88-1/2

**INDUSTRIALS:**  
Associated Portland Cement Co., 67-1/2  
British American Tobacco (of G. & I. & Ireland), 5-3/4  
British (Chinese) Ind., 22-1/2  
Calcutta Electric, 40-1/2  
Calcutta Tramways, 55-1/2  
Caracaras Ltd., "A" ord., 5-1/4  
J. & F. Gault, ord., 65-1/2  
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Dunlop Rubber Co., ord., 26-1/2  
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International Nickel Co. of Canada, ord., 50  
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Guthrie Kalampong Rubber Estate 17-1/2  
Rubber Plantation Invest. Trust 23-1/2

**MINES:**  
Burmah Corp., 6-1/2  
Crown Mines, 4-1/2  
Rand Mines, 10-1/2  
Spring Mines, 10-1/2  
Sub-Nickel, 4-1/2  
Tascon Tin Co., 4-1/2  
Union Corporation, 28-1/2

**OIL SHARES:**  
Anglo-Iranian Co. ord., 177-1/2 X  
Attack Oil, 27-1/2  
Burmah Oil Co. ord., 78-1/2  
Mexican Eagle Oil Co. ord., 19-1/2  
Trinidad Leasehold Ltd., 32-1/2  
Royal Dutch, 21-1/2  
Shell Transport & Trading Co., 4  
Venezuelan Oil Concessions ord., 116-1/2

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Savings Bonds, 3 1/2, 102-1/2  
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Indian Copper Corporation, 4-1/2  
Orange Free State Trust, 2-1/2  
West Rand Invest. Trust, 45-1/2  
Free States Developments, 38-1/2  
Reedbank, 15-1/2  
Cons. Main Reef, 49-1/2  
Saint Helena, 51-1/2  
De La Rue, ord., 42-1/2  
W. A. Brewster, 162-1/2  
Lydenburg Estates, 100-1/2  
South African Townships, 25-1/2  
Selection Trusts, 49-1/2  
South African Townships, 6-1/2  
Welkom, 69-1/2  
Tobacco Securities Trust, 2-1/2 X  
Grootevlei Mining, 47-1/2  
Johannesburg Consolidated, 118-1/2 X

**Other:**  
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British Burma Petroleum, 4-1/2  
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Luna Tieg, 12, 181 1/2  
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# ARMY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Bufs Swamped By Inniskillings

Four more matches in the Army league this week have only served to make the positions even more interesting than they were last week. As anticipated the Bufs are considerably weaker now than they were when the league started. Even allowing for the fact that their two outstanding players were incapacitated nobody expected that they would let the Inniskills bang in eight goals—the Bufs had hitherto not conceded a single goal.

By virtue of this win the Inniskills have climbed to second place in the league, being two points behind the HQ L.F. team, who just won their match against REME in the last few minutes. At the other end of the table Signals beat BMH in a needle match to register their first two points and rise two places in the league.

This should do a lot to encourage the Signals team who have been showing signs of being very discouraged. Next week's fixtures will see HQ Land Forces playing the Bufs in a match which promises to have a great bearing on the final league placings. The Inniskills are opposed to REME and will probably find them a considerably tougher nut to crack than the Bufs.

### 25th Field Regt. R.A. 3 Sappers 0

For the third week in succession the RA team were fortunate in having a match on their home ground, but even so the Sappers put up very stubborn resistance and the score does them great credit. The outstanding performance of the game was given by Hegley the Sappers goalkeeper. Time after time he saved the situation with good anticipation and safe handling of the ball, certainly but for his performance the score would have been considerably more in favour of the Gunners. The Artillery kicked off and for a considerable portion of the first half dominated the mid-field play, but found it a much more difficult proposition to score goals. It was not till play had been in progress for about twenty minutes that the Artillery knocked their first goal through Bates their centre forward.

### Same Story

This lead they held until half-time and the teams crossed over with the Artillery supporters just a little uneasy over their team's inability to score goals, and the Sappers supporters urging their men on to greater efforts.

The second half, however, was much the same story; the Artillery did most of the attacking, only to find Hegley an almost impassable barrier. The Sappers forwards were not altogether out of the picture and they made several attacks on the RA goal. Crosshwaite, their centre forward, however, failed to take advantage of these efforts and on two occasions good chances went begging. Before the final whistle the RA scored two more goals through Bates and Hughes, making a total of three, but all credit should go to the Sappers' defence among whom Norton at centre-half was always prominent.

### Signals 4 BMH 3

As the score suggests, this game at Happy Valley on Wednesday was very keenly contested with the result always in doubt. The goals started to come straight from the kick-off and one can safely say that there was never a dull moment. Signals kicked off and following a good movement which caught the BMH defence on the wrong foot, Shaw netted number one for them. This goal shook the BMH and they fought hard to score the equaliser; it was not long in coming, for Hall, the BMH inside left cottoned on to the ball and brought the scores level with a good shot.

### Man Sent Off

Encouraged by this success BMH piled on the pressure, but Signals were by no means dismayed and held their own in mid-field. BMH were next to score, however, when Fitch, back to his old position at centre-forward, put them ahead with an opportunistic goal. Not long after this Fitch scored again from a penalty and BMH were two goals ahead. Signals were not to be denied and they returned to the attack with renewed vigour, swinging the ball about to good effect, and McCall put the finishing touches to this hunt to reduce the deficit to 3-2. Shortly before half-time an unfortunate incident occurred which resulted in one of the BMH defenders being sent off the field for dissent.

The teams crossed over with the BMH still leading by three goals to two, but with only ten men they were obviously going to be very hard put to it to keep the lively Signals team at bay. The next goal came after play had been in progress for about ten minutes, McCall again being the scorer. With the scores now level both the teams went all out for the decider, and play was very even in mid-field.

But gradually the lack of one player began to tell on the BMH and McCall completed his hat-trick by scoring a well-placed centre with his head to give the Signals a 4-3 lead. This turned out to be the deciding goal. It was a

good, hard fought game, both teams showing very much improved form.

### Quick Goal

BMH with eleven men in the second half might easily have won, but every team has to take the rough with the smooth, and on particular occasion BMH just had to be content with a good game and no points.

### Inniskills 8 Bufs 0

Right from the kick-off it was fairly obvious that the Bufs defence was going to have all its time and energy put into stopping a very quick Inniskills forward line in which Kiernan was always prominent. And sure enough it was only after four minutes play that the Inniskills took the lead when Kiernan nodded a corner from the right wing well out of the goalkeepers reach.

So it continued, the second goal came after ten minutes play when Padner, the centre forward, passed to Kiernan who again made no mistake. Burns on the right wing scored number three following a solo run after fourteen minutes play. From then until half time the Bufs defence must have begun to get rather fed-up with taking goal kicks; their forwards occasionally broke away from one such movement the Inniskills made a very good save off the toes of the Bufs centre forward. Half time came with the Inniskills still leading 3-0, and the second half was more or less a repetition of the first.

Kiernan again met a centre with his head and gave the goals no chance at all, a little later Padner went through on his own to score number five. The sixth goal was the result of a grand solo effort by Kiernan who dribbled round five defenders and finished off with a rasping shot into the net. Goals were still coming at regular intervals and there was not very much that the Bufs defence could do about it.

### Poor Shooting

Their forwards continued to make several raids but were incapable of sending in a really good shot. If only they had possessed one forward who could really shoot the Bufs should have got two or three goals, but as it was, the Inniskills increased their total to eight, the last two goals being scored by Padner; the first from a very good centre by Burns, and the second from another solo effort. The Bufs never gave up trying but sadly missed Cunningham and McGrath their two Army representative players who were both indisposed.

### HQ Land Force 3 REME 2

This match played at Happy Valley on Thursday provided one of the most interesting games so far seen in the league. It was played throughout at a grinding pace with no quarter given on either side. When REME took the field they had high hopes of defeating the league leaders, and when, after only twenty minutes play, they were leading 2-0 their hopes seemed like materialising; but HQ L.F. fought back and eventually ran out winners three goals to two, scoring the deciding goal in the last few minutes of play.

REME were the first to attack and for the first ten minutes or so had the HQ L.F. defence completely at sixes and sevens. It came as no surprise at all when Bowes, the REME centre forward, scored their first goal from a very good centre by Ackers, the REME outside right. At this point HQ L.F. began to play a very clever and adopting the correct tactics against a defence which adhered very strictly to the three back game; first time passes straight through the middle into the empty space will often catch the defence wide open when the backs are marking the wings.

### Penalty

It was from one such move that REME scored their second goal, when Underwood the HQ Land Forces left back, failed badly in tackling Bowes, who went straight through to net REME two goals to one. HQ L.F. who up to this point had appeared somewhat lethargic in their play, were now stung into action and attacked strongly from the kick-off; and it was obvious that the league leaders would soon have the ball in the REME net.

A shot at goal by Wright was headed forward by Baugh, but a REME defender stopped a certain goal by punching the ball out with his hands. A penalty kick was awarded HQ L.F. and from this kick Toladay scored to reduce the REME lead to 2-1.

Half-time came with no further score, but the second half was a

## SING TAO CERTS FOR BADMINTON TITLE

(By Argonaut)

Only three matches were played last week in the Hong Kong Badminton League.

In the Men's Doubles Division University "B" beat Kowloon Dock by 9 games to 0. In the Mixed Doubles Division K.C.C. scored an easy victory over V.R.C. by 6-2. The match between University "A" and Sing Tao drew a fairly large crowd and once again Sing Tao got the better of the University, this time by the convincing margin of 7 games to 2.

### League standings:

|                | P. | W. | L. | D. | P. | A. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Sing Tao       | 4  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 16   |
| University "A" | 4  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 12   |
| Recreio        | 4  | 2  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8    |
| K.C.C.         | 4  | 1  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2    |
| V.R.C.         | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    |

### MEN'S DOUBLES

|                  | P. | W. | L. | D. | P. | A. | Pts. |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Sing Tao         | 7  | 7  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 14   |
| Recreio "A"      | 6  | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 12   |
| University "A"   | 6  | 5  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 10   |
| University "B"   | 6  | 5  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 10   |
| St. John's       | 6  | 4  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8    |
| K.C.C. "A"       | 5  | 4  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8    |
| Chung Wah        | 5  | 3  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 6    |
| Chinese Y.M.C.A. | 5  | 3  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 6    |
| St. Teresa's     | 5  | 2  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 4    |
| Kowloon Dock     | 5  | 2  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 4    |
| V.R.C.           | 5  | 2  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 4    |
| St. Mary's       | 4  | 2  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 4    |
| K.C.C. "B"       | 4  | 1  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2    |
| St. Teresa's "B" | 4  | 1  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2    |
| C. S. Inspectors | 4  | 1  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2    |
| Kowloon Dock     | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    |
| Police           | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    |

### "A" Division Teams.

University "B" trounced Kowloon Dock by nine games to nil on Friday night in the Men's Doubles Division of the Badminton League.

In the Mixed Doubles Division, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Victoria Recreation Club by six games to three; Sing Tao Sports Club beat University "A" by seven games to two.

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Gun Club Hill, 10.00 hrs. Ref: Sgt. Crawford.

Thursday, 19th February.

Inniskills v. REME; Happy Valley, 10.00 hrs. Ref: R.S.M. Ewin.  
HQ Land Forces v. Bufs; T' K'd. Happy Valley, 10.00 hrs. (S.M.J. Keston).

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| "DILWARA"    | Kure                                 | 7th Mar.  |
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## R.A.F. INTER-UNIT FOOTBALL Seven Teams In New League

The Royal Air Force Hong Kong Inter-Unit football league started last week and some interesting games were witnessed. The new League consists of seven teams and is expected to finish at the beginning of April.

### Signals 3 Servicing Wing 2

The opening game of the league was played between Signals 3 and Servicing Wing 2. Both sides included several R.A.F. Hong Kong players. The match was won by Signals, 3 goals to 2.

The game was full of thrills and both sides attacked strongly in the opening stages of the game. Signals began to fade during the second half. In the first five minutes Brogan, after good work by Ward and Hanson, brought Wallis, the Signals keeper, to his knees with a stinging shot from 15 yards which Wallis did well to save.

After 10 minutes play Signals 3 led through Cpl. Sewell who, gathering a pass from Cpl. Wallis, and with a sudden burst speed, drove the defence and beat Knuckey, the Servicing goalkeeper, from close range.

The "Wing" were a little shaken and never quite recovered. Before their defence had settled down the Signals had scored again, Sewell again finishing the movement off with another burst of speed.

Servicing Wing attacked but their final efforts in front of goal were weak. Anderson was the stumbling block of the Servicing Wing forwards amongst whom the only live wire was Brogan.

L.A.C. Campbell did grand work in the Servicing defence breaking up attack after attack. Signals third goal came when George went away on the left wing and entered across the goal-mouth for Sewell to nip smartly in and score.

The second half saw a complete change round for Servicing came back with a rush and after seven minutes play the Signals defence was split open and Brogan, collecting a pass from C. Brogan, scored for the "Wing," and they played as if a new team had come out on to the field. Four minutes later they scored again when the left wing sent in a centre which the Signals goalkeeper misjudged and Birnie headed in.

With the score at 3 goals to 2, Signals should have gone further when C. Brogan and George missed scoring chances, with only the goalkeeper to beat.

### SHQ Spitfires 2 Servicing Wing 0

With a very weak side the S. H. Q. Spitfires beat the Servicing Wing, the side that gave the Signals a close run, by two close goals both scored by Nichols in the second half.

The first half was even and the Servicing Wing should have been at least four goals up at half time, Hanson having missed three perfect sitters and Brogan missed a good scoring chance. As it was there was no score at half time.

Lewis, the Spitfires' goalkeeper, gave a splendid performance out for which the scores would have been reversed. He saved shot after shot from every conceivable angle.

At first the Spitfires left wing could not get moving owing to the quick tackling of the left back, Hill, but in the second half the left wing led him a merry dance.

A defensive lapse when the second half was 10 minutes old let in Nichols to open the scoring, and the same player was on hand a few minutes later to convert a centre from the right wing Knuckey had been driven out of position.

The "Wing" pressed hard but the stout defence of the "Spitfires" and great work by Lewis in goal, combined with the erratic shooting of the opposition saved the day for the S.H.Q. Spitfires. The final whistle came with the Servicing attacking strongly and Lewis making a fine save.

### Cooks And Provost 0 No. 88 Squadron 0

The third match of the league between Cooks and Provost and No. 88 Squadron ended in a goalless draw.

It was a scrappy game in which the better movements came from the Cooks and Provost. Gray, Gay and Connolly were outstanding for 88 and Baker, Adams and Goodwillie for Cooks and Provost.

The game opened with attack by Cooks and Provost which was broken up by Gray.

The first half was dull and it was due to the lack of combination between forwards and half backs that the Cooks and Provost did not score.

The second half began promisingly but half way through it

turned to kick and rush. With only 10 minutes to go the Cooks and Provost were awarded a penalty for 'hands' and the kick taken by Cpl. Hall was well saved by Cpl. Gay the 88 'Keeper'.

The 88 forwards missed two golden opportunities when with only the goalkeeper to beat Wilson and Getchell shot wide.

### SHQ Hurricanes v Signals

Signals were lucky to beat S. H. Q. Hurricanes by the odd goal in three after being in arrears at the interval. The first goal came after 10 minutes play, Baxter the S. H. Q. centre forward, collecting a pass from Naylor and scoring easily.

Then it was the Signals' turn to attack. Sewell sent over a good centre which Cobley just missed. Philipott, the "Hurricanes" outside left, after a brilliant solo run shot past the post with only the goal keeper to beat.

At half time the Hurricanes were still leading by the odd goal. The second half opened with three quick raids on the Signals' goal with Wallis saving well.

The game was still played at a fast pace. The Hurricanes were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area and Baxter just missed the cross bar.

With only 15 minutes to go the Signals pressed hard, and Sewell equalised when he broke through the centre. Shortly after Sewell gave his side full points when he sent in and hard drive just outside the penalty area.

## Stowaway Gaoled

Macdonald Harvey, 19, of Bermuda, was discovered on board the ss. "Walter Scott" when she was about two hours out of Bermuda on Oct. 3.

The Captain took pity on him and took him on as a deck boy but, (according to the Captain) he made a nuisance of himself and caused a lot of trouble while he ship was in Japan.

On the second night that he was on shore in Japan Harvey fought with the engineer, with the result that the Captain was told by the authorities there not to grant him shore leave.

He sneaked on shore on two or three occasions, resulting in the ship being held up.

The officials in Japan told the Captain to sign Harvey off at the latter refused. He was obliged. He laughed contemptuously at the Captain.

The "Walter Scott" arrived in Hong Kong on Feb. 13 and Harvey was handed over to the Police.

When he appeared before Mr. V. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, charged by Inspector J. Jem with being a stowaway, Harvey was sentenced to three months' hard labour and ordered to be sent back to Bermuda at the termination of his sentence.

### APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Edward Hardwicke Sainsbury to act as Assistant Land Officer and Deputy Registrar of Marriages with effect from February, 1st 1948.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to appoint Mr. Richard Creece Terry, M.Sc. (London), A.R.C.S., D.I.C., A.R.I.C., to be an Assistant Government Chemist with effect from Jan. 24, 1948.

Mr. R. C. Terry has been appointed as Assistant Government Chemist, and Mr. E. H. Sainsbury to act as Assistant Land Officer and Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

### DECREE NISI

A decree nisi, to be made absolute in six months, with liberty to apply, was granted yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), to Mrs. Phyllis Latan Baxter, of 8 Tregunter Mansions, who petitioned for dissolution of her marriage to Major Robert Baxter.

Mrs. Baxter, who was represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, was granted custody of the two children of the marriage.

## Afterthoughts On The Interport

The Hong Kong Football Association has had a busy fortnight in connection with the Interports against Shanghai and Manila. It is understood that over \$50,000 was collected during the series. On the first two days the stands were packed to capacity and on Chinese New Year day the gates had to be closed half an hour before the game, with thousands more clamouring to enter.

Again the need for a stadium or of a ground able to accommodate at least 10,000 spectators was evident. With room for such a number much unpleasantness at the gates between ground workers and latecomers would disappear and the general work of Police and ground workers be easier.

Hong Kong's win was a decisive one and it was only in the early stages of the game that Shanghai really threatened their goal.

Hong Kong's easy win was due to the judicious mingling of youth and experience and the general all-round fitness of the side. The team played at the same pace throughout and though their forwards slackened up slightly at the end they still had the Shanghai defence fully occupied.

In a winning team weaknesses are not so apparent. Chau Man-chi, Kiernan, Tang Yee-kin and Forrow played better than was generally expected.

Chau Man-chi, who captained the Interport side last year, showed that he is greatly benefited from his tour to England. He showed excellent ball control and was assisting the defence. His first goal was a praise worthy effort.

### Kiernan Popular

Forrow did more than he was asked. He kept so close a watch on Robson that the Shanghai centre-forward did not have a

chance to test Tam Kim-kon. He always came out best in the tussles in the air.

Tang Yee-kin fully justified his selection. The Olympic selectors must be grateful to Hong Kong in showing them what this youngster can do in good company. He was greatly missed in the Chinese side the following day.

The popularity of Kiernan with the Chinese public increased during the Interport game. Kiernan fitted nicely into the fast-moving Colony side. Small of build, but possessing good ball control and a fine serve Kiernan made many openings and had Chui taken advantage of his passes more goals would have been scored.

B. Gosano, Captain of the side after 12 appearances against Shanghai, did his share. He looked after the opposing wing well and throughout the game was never drawn out of position or miskicked.

### Slower Team

Shanghai lost because they were slower on the ball. They had the experience but lacked fast youngsters.

The outstanding player during the series was undoubtedly P. L. Chang the goalkeeper. He gave a better display than he did in the Interport last year in Hong Kong when Shanghai drew in the first game. He is undoubtedly the best Chinese goalkeeper seen in Hong Kong for some time.

Shanghai must realise that their "old timers" cannot go on forever. There were few new faces in the Interport side. Most of the players have been in the Colony often, and it is certain that the veterans cannot last more than a season or two more.

He played a useful game on the right wing and did well throughout the series. Honnibal at left half gave a grand display and was one of the mainstays in the Shanghai defence. He will be returning to Hong Kong next month and will be playing for St. Joseph's.

### Manila's Visit

Arrangements are now complete for the Interport games with Manila this week-end. An excellent spirit of cooperation and understanding exist between the Hong Kong Football Association and the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation.

It was first arranged that Hong Kong should visit Manila during the Chinese New Year while the Shanghai Interport was on. But the Rizal Stadium was not quite ready and Manila could not accommodate Hong Kong as it was arranged that Manila visit Hong Kong this year so that the Interports between the two ports be restarted.

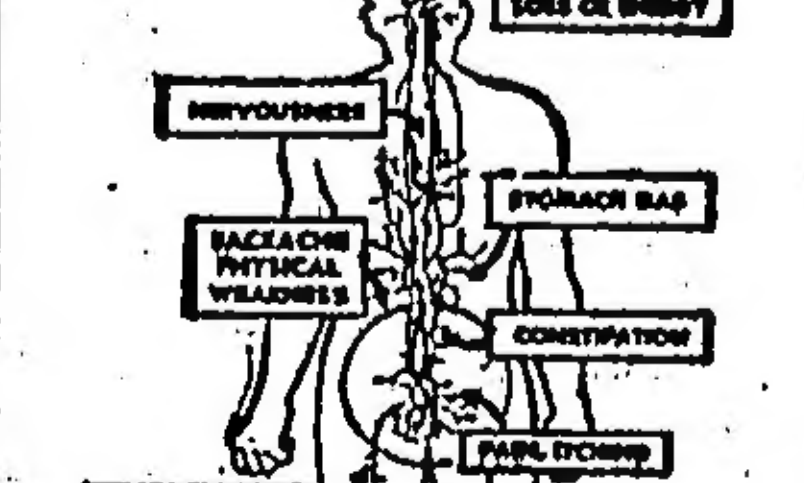
Hong Kong may visit the Philippines later in the season. It is reported that the standard of football in Manila is not as high as it was before the war.

There will be no old timers in the team visiting Hong Kong. The present team will be composed of a new generation carefully trained and coached. The P.A.A.F. are sparing no expense to popularise football in the Islands.

The Manila team arrive on Thursday and will be under the management of Mr. J. Clelland, a Briton who has been connected with football in Manila for many years, and Mr. D. Calvo, who represented the Philippines at swimming in the Far Eastern Olympics, and who was here with the Manila team in 1940.

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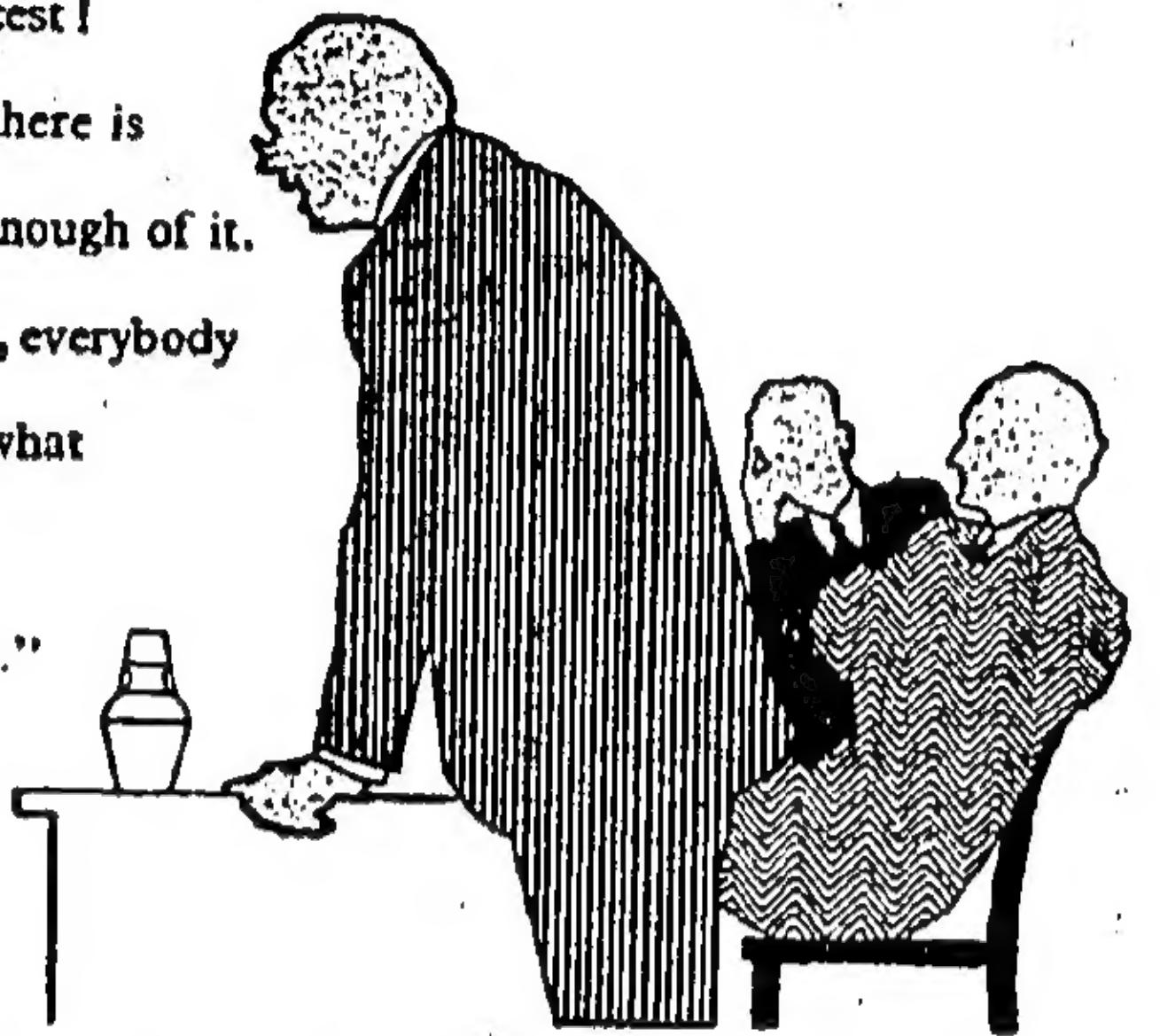
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All cricket fields were fully occupied yesterday when no less than six friendly games were played. Navy beat Army by three wickets at King's Park, while at Sookunpoo Kowloon Cricket Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 105 runs, K. Lo scoring 76 for the Kowloonites. The K.C.C. second eleven were, however, beaten by University by four wickets.

Table with cricket match results including Navy-Army, K.C.C.-Varsity, and H.K.C.C.-C.C.C. with columns for batsmen, bowlers, and scores.

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Home Football Results

Table with football match results including F.A. Cup-5th Round and F.A. Cup-6th Round with columns for teams and scores.

Leck, the Hong Kong goal keeper, punches clear in yesterday's match between Combined Non-Chinese and Shanghai. On left is Forrow with, on right, Gosano and Roboostoff. ("Sunday Herald" photo).

To-Day's Football Programme

With the disorganisation of the League Football fixtures due to the Interport games, a full programme of First Division games will be played this afternoon, the most interesting of which should be at Boundary Road, where Chinese Athletic meet Police.

Table with football fixtures for the day including various divisions and teams.

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SHANGHAI DEFEATED Non-Chinese Win By The Only Goal

In a closely contested game on the Club Ground yesterday, Combined Non-Chinese beat Shanghai by one goal to nil after a goalless first half.

Combined Non-Chinese were by far the better team and fully deserved to win. For Combined Non-Chinese, Leck played a classy game in goal and was safe as the Rock of Gibraltar. He was safe in his handling of the ball and never allowed himself to be flustered, proving more than ever that a "big match" atmosphere does not effect him in the least.

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Seamen Fined The stuff must have been pretty raw, commented Mr. W. L. Lattimer when two seamen of the "General Meigs" were charged yesterday with assault, pleaded that they were "perfectly drunk" and "did not remember anything" that happened between 12.45 a.m. and 1 a.m. that morning.

RAF's Hockey Win Over Dutch In a friendly hockey game at Kai Tak yesterday the Royal Air Force completely outclassed the Java Steamship Company by four goals to nil.

Good Rugby Game In an evenly contested Rugby game, in which both sides got plenty of the ball and the three-quarters giving one of the best displays seen this season, Island beat Mainland by a goal and two tries (14 pts.) to a goalless try (8 pts.) at Sookunpoo yesterday.

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